



Radley CE Primary School & Foundation Stage Unit

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Dear Parents,

As you will know, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. I write now to let you know what we are doing in light of this, and to reassure you we are taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community. We are continuing to follow official guidance from the Government and the Local Authority.

The current situation

- The school remains open – this is the current official guidance we've been given
- All school functions - such as Breakfast Club, and the majority of our after school clubs are continuing to run as normal.
- Pupils should attend school unless they feel unwell but, if your child has any of the following symptoms they should remain at home for 7 days:
 - a new, continuous cough and/or
 - a high temperature (of 37.8c or higher)

If your child is unwell, please report this as you would normally, by letting Mrs Jackie Crook in the School Office, know.

We will keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation.

What we're doing to protect and support children and staff

- Children are being asked to wash their hands on arrival at school, and throughout the day
- Lunch in the dining hall is being staggered, to ensure the children aren't in close proximity with children from another class
- The children are having assemblies in class, rather than altogether in the hall.
- We are postponing certain events – Isis play 'Mini-Beast Madness' will now be performed to families in the summer term, rather than on 24 March
- The Easter Service – which was to have taken place in St James' Church on Friday 3 April – will no longer do so.

What we would like you to do, please:

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office.
- Please talk to your children about the coronavirus, if you feel this would be helpful. It's a difficult time and we should make sure children feel supported. [BBC Newsround](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-54121212) has regular updates for older primary school children
- Please come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we'll contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough).

What happens if the school has to close?

- We will only close if we're either officially advised to do so, or don't have enough staff to run the school. In either case we will alert you by text, and also let you know by text once the school is to re-open.
- We are in the process of setting up home learning packs for your children, should the school be advised to close.

If you have any questions, please consult the:

- School, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- [NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools

It's a tricky time and it's important we keep each other safe, and talk about these events to help with any anxiety. Thank you for your continued support.

With my best wishes,

Grace Slater
Headteacher