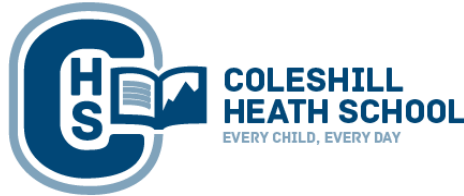




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Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**RE: CORONAVIRUS update – FURTHER SCHOOL ACTIONS**

As announced by the Prime Minister, schools **remain OPEN at the moment.**

However, some very clear advice has been issued:

If a member of the FAMILY shows **symptoms of Coronavirus** [Prolonged cough and/OR high temperature] then the WHOLE family needs to isolate for 14 days.

The **key new measures** announced included:

- Everyone should avoid gatherings and crowded places, such as pubs, clubs and theatres
- Everyone should work from home if they can
- All "unnecessary" visits to friends and relatives in care homes should cease
- People should only use the NHS "where we really need to" - and can reduce the burden on workers by getting advice on the NHS website where possible
- **By next weekend**, those with the most serious health conditions must be "largely shielded from social contact for around 12 weeks"
- If one person in any household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days
- Those people should, if possible, avoid leaving the house "even to buy food or essentials" - but they may leave the house "for exercise and, in that case, at a safe distance from others"

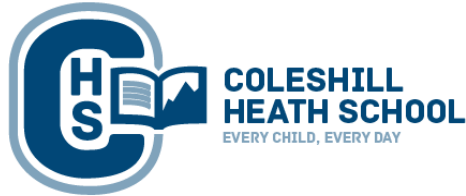
**Under the guidance, people who should be "particularly stringent" in minimising their social contact are:**

- People over the age of 70
- Other adults who would normally be advised to have the flu vaccine (such as those with chronic diseases)
- Pregnant women





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### **Advice and Guidance from School Policy:**

At CHS, we are working through a staged and sensible risk assessment (constantly updated).

### **Further delay measures:**

- **All measures outlined in the letter sent 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 remain in place** apart from the **extension of days isolation and family isolation rather than individual cases**
- We will send children home for **fourteen days** if they are showing symptoms
- Allow children to come straight in and leave school at the end of the day- avoid large congregation on the playground
- No 'multi-school' music or sports events (Solihull Council directive)

### **Educational:**

- Hand washing demonstrations and practice - NHS video on hand washing circulated and discussed in class assembly
- Use of Social Stories to explain the virus to young children and those with additional needs
- Before and after-school clubs continue at the moment
- We have created CONTINUED LEARNING PLANS for each year group and the information circulated by Thursday morning.
- A list of learning platforms collated – see website <https://www.chs.solihull.sch.uk/useful-online-learning-links/>

If you are worried please read online guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

**ACTION: PLEASE UPDATE THE OFFICE WITH CURRENT PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL**

Thank you for your continued support.

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