

## **PROTECTION**

We are encouraging all staff and pupils to wash their hands often with soap and water and to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth. Please encourage your children to wash their hands before leaving for school and when they arrive back home from school. Frequently touched objects and surfaces in school are cleaned each day.

Watch this short NHS film for guidance: <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

The incubation period for this virus is between 2 and 14 days. This means if a person remains well 14 days after contact with someone with confirmed coronavirus, it is unlikely that they have been infected. Then following symptoms may develop within 14 days:

- Cough
- Difficulty in breathing
- Fever

There is no evidence that children are more affected than other age groups – very few cases have been reported in children. However, if any member of your family are ill please keep your children at home for 7 days for suspected COVID-19 or 14 days for confirmed cases. This will help to prevent the spread of infection.

Please let the school know if your child is sick and is self-isolating. This will then be classed as an authorised absence and is not subject to a penalty notice. If you do not let us know, your child's absence will be unauthorised. Please keep all of your children at home if you suspect that a member of your family may have this virus.

There are some useful websites recommended by the National Institute of Clinical Excellence to teach pupils about hygiene that may be useful to you.

KS1 : Horrid Hands and Super Sneezes

[https://e-bug.eu/junior\\_pack\\_ks1.aspx?cc=eng&ss=2&t=Horrid%20Hands](https://e-bug.eu/junior_pack_ks1.aspx?cc=eng&ss=2&t=Horrid%20Hands)

[https://e-bug.eu/junior\\_pack\\_ks1.aspx?cc=eng&ss=2&t=Super%20Sneezes](https://e-bug.eu/junior_pack_ks1.aspx?cc=eng&ss=2&t=Super%20Sneezes)

KS2: Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Hygiene

[https://e-bug.eu/junior\\_pack.aspx?cc=eng&ss=2&t=Hand%20Hygiene](https://e-bug.eu/junior_pack.aspx?cc=eng&ss=2&t=Hand%20Hygiene)

[https://e-bug.eu/junior\\_pack.aspx?cc=eng&ss=2&t=Respiratory%20Hygiene](https://e-bug.eu/junior_pack.aspx?cc=eng&ss=2&t=Respiratory%20Hygiene)

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# MOAT HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As a school, we are following the daily advice given to us by Public Health England. In order to protect everyone as much as possible, we are limiting the amount of visitors into school. This means that any parent volunteers will be asked to refrain from attending for the time being. Any regular, educational visitors will be asked to respect the necessary hygiene requirements and self-isolation guidelines.

Unfortunately, this means that we will be cancelling mother's day tea and parents' evening to limit mass contact between the school community. All monies for the mother's day tea will be refunded to you on parentpay. Instead of parents' evening, children will be sent home with a mid-year written report so that you are kept up to date with their progress.

Other events that are cancelled are:

- Monday Star of the Week Assemblies
- Stay and Read on Friday afternoons for EYFS and KS1
- Y1 Phonics meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Rocksteady concert on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

During the school day we are no longer holding whole school assemblies so that the children are not all confined together in the hall. For this reason also, we have begun to stagger lunchtimes with hot meal children having their lunch first so there is less children in the hall at any one time.

## SCHOOL CLOSURE

School needs to prepare for any eventual closure. Teachers are currently putting packs together **IF** the school should be closed by the Government in the forthcoming weeks.

May we ask that if your child does not have a book bag, that you send in a named carrier bag into school asap for this work to be put into should the need arise that children have to stay at home. If your child is currently self-isolating and not in school **IF** we have to close, we will notify you and ask that someone collects the work for you.

Please rest assured that we are doing all that is possible in school to keep the children, staff and parents safe. We will work together as a community to ensure that all the guidelines set out by the Government are observed and followed.