



Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

"Let faith be your shield"

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Dear Parents/Carers

As the situation regarding the COVID-19 outbreak changes on a daily basis, we want you to be assured that we are continually monitoring advice and guidance from both Public Health England, and the Department of Education. We also intend to keep you informed and updated as often as necessary to provide factual information regarding any developments.

Most recently, the government have released new 'Stay at Home' guidance, which you can find using the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The key message of this guidance states that if you, or your child, displays the symptoms of COVID-19 (new, continuous cough and/or high temperature) then they should stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms started. For such cases, there will be no testing, this is primarily designed to help prevent the spread of infection. If symptoms persist beyond 7 days, you should contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk for further guidance. If you do not have internet access, you should call NHS 111. Please note that if you are self-isolating, it means that you must not collect/bring your child to school- and will need to arrange for a non-self isolating adult to do so on your behalf (so long as your child is symptom-free). If your child develops symptoms, they will also need to self-isolate.

Other useful guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The DfE have set up a helpline offering guidance for anyone with education related questions – from early years up to universities as well as for parents: 0800 046 8687 (However our experience with this is that there are very long waits!)

Currently, guidance states that school are to remain open. In case this guidance changes, we are preparing a plan of action to support you in helping your child learn at home. Detailed information will come out to you as and when needed. In the meantime, we continue to encourage our pupils to regularly, and thoroughly wash hands with soap and water- and ask all pupils to use the hand sanitiser at the school gate as they enter school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A. Aylott
Head teacher/National leader of Education

