



16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you're probably aware, the Government's guidance on the Coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of 'Delay' phase.

We're getting in touch to let you know what we're doing in light of this, and what we expect from all of you, to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

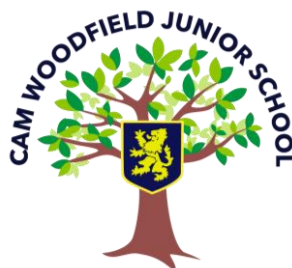
We'd like to reassure you that at we're taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the Government and Gloucester County Council.

### What's the current situation?

- The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we've been given.
- All school functions continue to run as normal.
- Pupils should attend unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they **should remain at home for 7 days**:
  - a new, continuous cough and/or
  - a temperature
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by contacting the school office first thing in the morning.
- We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation.

### What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- Reducing the number of visitors to the school.
  - Enforcing handwashing to all pupils and staff ensuring that this is taking place regularly throughout the day.
  - Thorough cleaning of the school takes place daily.
  - Staff are vigilant and notify the leadership team of any changes they see in pupils' health.
  - If a pupil feels ill during school hours, then they will be taken out of the classroom whilst waiting for parent / carer to collect them from school.
  - Lessons or assemblies are in place to inform pupils about hygiene and how to keep safe.
- **What we need you to do**
- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible**.
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It's a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. [BBC Newsround](#) has regular updates for younger children.



- 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).
- We will be uploading work onto the school's VLE for certain pupils. Please check that your child has access to the eSchools learning platform, which is attached to the school's website. Let us know if there are any issues (so we can make sure we're well prepared for remote learning if the school does need to close at some point).

### What happens if the school has to close?

We'll only close if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school.

In either case, we'll:

- Inform parents of such closure via a letter, the school text messaging system and website.
- We let parents know of opening the school by using the same methods as above.
- Teachers are already preparing work to upload onto the School's VLE and hard copy learning packs if pupils have no means of accessing the system.

***Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.***

### If you have any questions

Please consult the:

- School office, 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
- Government's [travel advice](#), if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

It's a tricky time and we know you're worried about the impact this might have on our community. It's important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Bennett