

# Whitstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

We continue to monitor the government's daily updated guidance on COVID-19 and the most updated guidance asks people to self-isolate at home for seven days if they have either a new and persistent dry cough or a temperature of 37.8°C and above. These are considered to be mild symptoms of coronavirus and people do not need to ring 111 for advice unless their condition dramatically worsens.

The chief medical officer has advised against school closures at the moment as children off school would end up socialising anyway or spending time with grandparents, who could be more affected by the virus.

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19 currently, with the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes. Wash your hands more often, for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. The children will continue to routinely wash their hands at various intervals throughout the school day.

If you have any general questions about the guidance being provided to schools, the DfE have launched a helpline for staff, parents and students, the details of which are below:

DfE Helpline (8am-6pm Mon-Fri): 0800 046 8687

Or email: [DfE.CORONAVIRUSHELPLINE@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.CORONAVIRUSHELPLINE@education.gov.uk)

Alternatively, more information can be found on the following websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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As more information is released to us, we will share it with you via email letter. Once all parents are signed up to ClassDojo, we will be able to share information and regular updates on ClassDojo. Please ensure you have logged into ClassDojo to activate your account and please contact us if you are having any problems.

Every best wish,

Mrs Mould  
Headteacher