



# St Mary's Bluecoat C of E Primary School

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Guidance Stay at home: guidance for people with confirmed or possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection

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Dear Parent,

You will no doubt have seen the announcement yesterday evening from the Prime Minister and Chief Medical Officer.

This will translate to the following in respect of school.

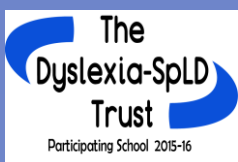
### We now ask all parents to be clear on the following:

- If your child has a continuous cough **and/or** a temperature of 37.5C or higher, you **MUST** keep your child at home for a period of 7 days from the time that these symptoms are noticed.
- At the end of that 7 day period, pupils can return to school, if they are feeling better e.g. no temperature. We would recommend the use of either traditional 'under the tongue' or digital forehead or ear thermometers, rather than the strip-type thermometers which are not always accurate enough in these precise circumstances.

This will also apply to staff.

We continue to follow the advice from Public Health England (PHE), the Department of Education (DfE) and other professional bodies and receive daily official updates.

Can I remind you that if you have travelled in one of the recognised areas of concern (i.e. countries with travel restrictions) that you should not be visiting the school, and your children should not be in attendance until a suitable period of self-isolation has occurred. I am sure that you will all be following PHE advice and supporting the school by encouraging your children to do the same.



We will continue to follow Public Health England advice on whether schools should stay open. We have a clearly staged risk assessment in operation across our schools. This includes reviewing all trips and events on a case by case basis and looking at ways of providing continuity of teaching in the event that staff numbers decline because of the virus. We are already making contingency arrangements for setting work to be completed at home in case we do have an enforced closure for a temporary period. However, at this stage, we continue to have a full complement of staff and no confirmed cases.

I will continue to keep you updated on a regular basis should the situation change locally or nationally.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Headteacher  
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