

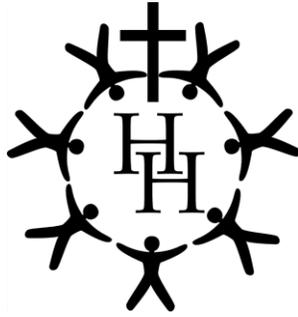
**KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL EDUCATION SERVICE
HANGING HEATON CE (VC) JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing following updated advice on the rapidly evolving covid-19 pandemic situation in the UK.

NHS advice

In the UK, we are now told to stay at home if you have either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

In families where any individual starts to display these symptoms, the whole family should stay at home for at least 14 days, to avoid spreading the infection outside the home.

After 14 days, anyone you live with who does not have symptoms can return to their normal routine.

But, if anyone in your home then gets symptoms, they should stay at home for 7 days from the day their symptoms start. Even if it means they're at home for longer than 14 days.

Contingency plans in school

In school, we have an emergency plan and risk assessment in place which relies on members of the school community to follow this advice to the letter. In addition, we have stopped whole school assemblies and increased the amount of fresh air that children are getting daily.

Only staff and pupils will be allowed in the school building. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please call the telephone number above and arrange a telephone appointment.

Unfortunately we have also cancelled all upcoming events including:-

- Class assemblies
- Non-uniform day for chocolate tombola
- Chocolate tombola
- Egg decorating competition
- KS1 trip to Bagshaw Museum
- KS2 trip to Hepworth Gallery
- Easter service at St Paul's Church

Beginning and end of school day - We are asking parents to drop children at the gate on a morning where staff will allow them straight into school. We are also asking parents/carers that only 1 member per family come to collect children at the end of the day, that they self-distance within the playground and leave immediately that their child(ren) are collected.

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Families who are self-isolating – Unfortunately, at this stage, we do not have capacity to teach children who are in school and also provide work for families who are self-isolating. If children are well enough to learn at home, we urge these families to use the online resources we currently have (Times Table Rockstars and Mathletics) and make sure that children are reading plenty. Should schools be asked to close, we will then email learning out to parents' addresses that we currently hold.

We are committed to keeping school open however we must follow the advice we are given. We are awaiting advice from the Local Authority and/or the Department for Education and will let parents/carers know when this arrives. This is an entirely unprecedented situation both nationally and internationally and we ask all members of our school community to join us in our efforts to keep everyone as healthy and safe as possible.

Please contact school if you have any concerns or queries. I will continue to use text and email as preferred methods of communication with parents.

I appreciate your support at this trying time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Potter

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