

# HARPFIELD PRIMARY ACADEMY

*'Achieving Success Together'*



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Dear Parent / Carers,

## **Coronavirus Guidance**

Yesterday, the Prime Minister confirmed that the government's response to COVID-19 has moved to the Delay phase – the second phase in the government's coronavirus action plan. The coronavirus action plan was launched last week.

This document sets out what has been done to tackle coronavirus (COVID-19), and what it plans to do next, depending upon the course the current coronavirus outbreak takes.

The action plan can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

### **Advice from Public Health England continues to be for education and children's social care settings to remain open, unless advised otherwise.**

As an academy, we have established a continuity plan to try to mitigate the impact of closure on young people's education, should the need arise for either a short or extended period of closure.

**It is especially important at this time that school holds your up-to-date contact details. If you have reason to believe that your details need updating please contact us as a matter of urgency by email- [enquiries@harpfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@harpfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk), by telephone: 01782 234984 or by calling in at the school reception.**

The risk of contracting COVID-19 continues to remain relatively low for individuals. Should there be further guidance for schools we will of course communicate these as soon as possible. If you have any questions or require further information please contact the school via reception or by e mail at: [enquiries@harpfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@harpfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk)

In the meantime:

Our outline of our plan is:

- If the school is to close it will be announced by the school ONLY and through official channels only (school website/school's closed Facebook group/parental text messaging service and local radio). The school will not use any other means.
- If school has to be closed it will be closed to all pupils and staff. During closure the school will be "deep cleaned".
- We will prepare to teach children using "distance learning". This means that you will need to have a suitable device and a reliable internet connection. All teachers have been asked to prepare lessons that they can share with pupils and that the children can do independently. If it is not possible for your child to learn in this way, please let us know. There is also an online questionnaire available on our Facebook Group and Class Dojo. We are constantly assessing our options for what support packages we will offer.

As any new information becomes available, we will communicate this to you. Thank you for your continued support.

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