

**FRITTENDEN
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Frittenden Cranbrook
Kent TN17 2DD
Telephone 01580 852250**

**www.frittenden.kent.sch.uk
headteacher@frittenden.kent.sch.uk**



Headteacher Nichola Costello

15 March 2020

Dear Parents,

From tomorrow we will be strictly following new advice from the NHS with regard to coronavirus. Should a child present with any of the following symptoms, you will be contacted and asked to collect your child immediately:

- A new cough
- A high temperature (over 37.8C)

Your child will be required to stay off school for 7 full days. If your child presents with the above symptoms at home, please inform us and keep them at home for 7 days. We will be continuing to follow the guidelines around thorough hand washing throughout the day.

- Guidance from the official NHS page: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Government information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
This includes information regarding staying home, if self-isolating
- Information about coronavirus and educational settings
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

This guidance also applies to staff members, visitors and anyone collecting/ dropping off your child. If you present with the above symptoms, please make arrangements for someone else to bring in or collect your child. We understand that the above may cause you inconvenience, but we do have to follow the advice from the NHS as announced by the government in order to protect all of our children, staff and families.

For further information or guidance on whether you feel you should be self-isolating please contact 111. The school are unable to advise parents on specific cases.

The current advice is that no schools should close unless instructed to do so by Public Health England, there are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Washing your hands often- using soap and water or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#)
- People who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or child care setting.
- Pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - ◆ Before leaving home
 - ◆ On arrival at school
 - ◆ After using the toilet
 - ◆ After breaks and sporting activities
 - ◆ Before food preparation
 - ◆ Before eating any food, including snacks
 - ◆ Before leaving school

- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Additionally, we would like to reassure you that our cleaning staff are paying close attention to door plates and handles, tables are thoroughly washed and we are taking all steps possible to ensure the school is being kept clean.

As a staff we are aware that there is a possibility that the school could be required to close for a duration: we are busy working on ways your child can learn at home with you, however, this is going to take time to develop.

To reduce the risk of infection we are taking the following steps:

1. With regard to planned school educational visits: Port Lympne will go ahead as planned; the British Museum will be cancelled. Any monies paid towards the London trip will be returned to parents.
2. As a precautionary measure we have taken the decision to cancel the Mother's Day and Easter Services, as well as celebration services, held fortnightly. This is not a decision taken lightly. A final decision regarding parent consultations will be made later this week.
3. Minimal visitors in school: Open the Book is cancelled for the rest of term and volunteers are being asked to stay away. Parents are requested not to come into the school building. If you have any questions, ring the office or send an email. Administration of medication forms, for new medication, can be found on the school website. Please complete and email to the school.

Finally, we would like to request that parents/carers inform the school if they are planning an international trip during the Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Ms. Nic Costello