



# St Aidan's Primary School

## A Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents & Carers

### Coronavirus (Covid-19)

I want to take this opportunity to share the latest Government advice relating to Coronavirus (Covid-19).

People should now stay at home and self isolate if they have either of the symptoms. These are:

- new continuous cough, and/or
- high temperature

If your child has either of these symptoms do not send them to school. Call the school office on 01254 53148 to report their absence.

If you, or anyone who cares for your child, is presenting with either of these symptoms they should not bring your child to school, self isolate and remain at home. Please make other arrangements to get your children safely to school.

If you self isolate please follow the advice available on Gov.uk. Links to this and other advice are also available by visiting [www.cidarieducation.co.uk/covid](http://www.cidarieducation.co.uk/covid)

At this stage there is no change in the guidance for schools regarding closure and we will remain open unless instructed otherwise by Public Health England or a change in Government measures to delay the spread of the virus.

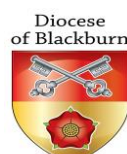
As a school we continue to **Promote good hand and respiratory hygiene with our pupils:**

- Frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Catch coughs or sneezes with a tissue, throw the tissue in the bin and wash hands
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

We also:

- Follow a routine cleaning programme with emphasis on frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Provide adequate supplies for good hygiene, including clean and functional handwashing stations, soap, paper towels, and alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- Follow PHE guidance regarding school closures if necessary

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To prepare in the event of a school closure we are making plans for staff and pupils to continue education at home. This may take the form of remote online learning, paper based project work covering a range of subjects, home worksheets and reading.

In the event of a school closure we will send further information and guidance on how to access school resources from home online if needed.

I must stress that current guidance is to keep schools open, we will follow this until the national position changes. Rest assured that should this happen, preparations are being put in place to ensure that your child's learning can continue genuinely and authentically at home.

Yours sincerely

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