

COVID19 - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND VISITORS TO WILLAND SCHOOL

We are taking advice from the Department for Education regarding COVID19. We currently do not have any known cases of the virus. We are obviously monitoring the situation closely.

There is currently no advice from the Prime Minister to close schools but would ask that you monitor the daily briefings. As a precaution, we are preparing work packs for every child which should be used if a child has to be kept at home or if schools are told to close. We are also looking into activities that children will be able to undertake online in addition to Mathletics and Spelling Shed.

PUPILS WITH HIGH TEMPERATURE AND/OR PERSISTENT COUGH

Following the Government's advice [Stay at Home: Guidance for People with Confirmed or Possible Coronavirus COVID19 infection](#), we are asking that pupils with a high temperature and/or persistent cough not to come into school and stay home for the recommended length of time (which is presently 7 days from onset of symptoms).

If your child develops symptoms during the school day, we will ask that you collect them and keep them home for the recommended length of time.

The government at present are not suggesting that siblings should be kept at home for the same period. They do however suggest that if your child has a persistent cough and/or high temperature, they

- stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home if possible
- sleep alone, if possible
- wash their hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water, or use hand sanitiser
- stay away from vulnerable individuals, such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions, as much as possible

Please keep looking online at the most up to date Government information.

Children away due to possible COVID 19 infection, will have the entire period of absence authorised.

Some school activities may be cancelled. These will be notified to parents/carers by text and/or email. It will also be on the Willand School Group Facebook page.

Due to staffing/supply issues, there may be the need to change the school meals menu at short notice.

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The school is following the Government's COVID19 Guidance for Educational Settings. These are general principles that anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- washing your hands often - with 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 childcare 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
- if soap and water are not available use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol
- 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
- if you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment
- see further information on the [Public Health England](#)