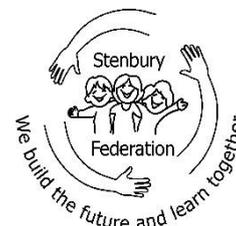


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Dear Parents

I write to you at the end of a very challenging week. I hope this finds you all well, but I am aware that many of our community have been isolating and protecting family members. As a parent myself, this is yet another incredibly uncertain and worrying time for us all. I thank you for your patience and understanding as we, as a school, get to grips with the new arrangements for this lockdown. The staff have worked tirelessly to adapt the school provision from being fully open on Monday to a school that must now provide a blended learning approach. I cannot emphasise enough the enormity of that task and the pressure that has been put on schools and leaders over the last week.

During the coming weeks, we need to be working with you to support your children's education. All of the team at school will be involved in supporting you with remote learning. We have a duty to ensure that we support our children to learn. All teachers and their learning support assistants will be making regular contact and interactions with you and your child to ensure they are accessing their learning. Teachers will be setting a variety of tasks using various resources for you to use. If you have any questions or need any support, please contact the school. Teachers will get back to you, but you must realise that teachers are still teaching a number of key worker and vulnerable children in school, so it may not be immediate. Learning at home will be a challenge, but our children need us all to work closely together for their futures.

If you think that you fall into the category of a critical worker and there is nobody to look after your child, please contact the school to arrange for your child to attend on the days and times that you are working.

As we move forward, I am sure there will be challenges and changes we may need to make. I trust that you will all keep an eye out for any updates through our communications to you. We have no answers as to how long this will be in place, it may be for some weeks and even months.

We will continue to do all that we can to keep both children and staff safe in school. We would also like to reassure you that if any child or member of staff develops symptoms whilst in school, we will of course act promptly.

Our families are most precious to all of us and I urge you all to stay safe and look after yourselves.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If any of our children or staff are sent home, they will need to isolate for 10 days and we strongly advise booking a test.

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. **Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.**
2. **You, your child and anyone else you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have the test.**

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if your child has been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

For information go to [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

Another useful site is [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/children)

Please keep safe and follow the Government Guidelines

Yours sincerely



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