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# BOLNEY C.E.P. SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

We have been so impressed with everyone's response to the additional measures we have put in place as a precaution against coronavirus (COVID-19). Thank-you for all your support.

We continue to act on the advice we are receiving from the Department of Education (DfE) and Public Health England as the government moves from the Contain phase of the Coronavirus action plan to the Delay phase.

Today's update from the Department of Education states:

*To support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.*

*The symptoms are:*

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

*You do not need to call NHS 111 to stay at home. If your symptoms worsen during your stay at home period or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at [111.nhs.uk](https://111.nhs.uk). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.*

**Current advice remains in place: no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.**

*The Chief Medical Officer has advised that the impact of closing schools on both children's education and on the workforce will be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to schools will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.*

The recommended handwashing and use of tissues in school continues and we ask you to keep your child at home if they develop a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature.

We currently have good supplies of soap, towels, tissues and hand sanitising gel and please ensure you either use gel or wash your hands if you enter school. Additional cleaning of the school environment is in place and we have arranged for a deep clean over the Easter holidays.

**Should** the government decide to close schools we have created a plan to support this. It includes:

- Teachers sharing learning activities and tasks to be completed at home via the school website/class pages – please familiarise yourselves with the location of these. Paper copies can be made available for those with no internet – **please let Zoe know if you do not have internet access.**
- An expectation that these tasks are to be done **daily.**
- Teachers responding to queries regarding work set via their email addresses which will be shared on class pages.

Links and other information can be found on our website at:

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/coronavirus/453164>

Thank you again for your support and please keep reinforcing the good handwashing and use of tissues with your child.

Kind regards,

Lorraine Kenny