

# William Fletcher Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you're probably aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. We're getting in touch to let you know what we're doing in light of this, and what we expect from all of you, to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We'd like to reassure you that at William Fletcher we're taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government and Oxfordshire County Council.

## What's the current situation?

- The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we've been given
- All school functions continue to run as normal including Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club.
- Pupils should attend unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they **should remain at home for 7 days**:
  - a new, continuous cough and/or
  - a temperature
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by calling (01865 372301) or emailing the school office ([office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk))
- All planned visits will continue to take place unless we are advised against this by Public Health England or the Local Authority.
- We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation

## What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- If children become unwell during the school day, we will notify you immediately
- The school is thoroughly cleaned daily
- All staff are ensuring children wash their hands, all visitors to school are asked to use hand sanitizer provided
- All pupils have attended sessions on hygiene

## What we need you to do

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible**
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It's a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. [BBC Newsround](#) has regular updates for younger children and [YoungMinds](#) has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we'll contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)



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- › Check that your child has access to the internet from home and let us know if there are any issues (so we can make sure we're well prepared for remote learning if the school does need to close at some point). We have set up Google Classroom and pupils will need access to this via a tablet / laptop/ PC.

## What happens if the school has to close?

We'll only close if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school.

In either case, we'll:

- › Alert parents via our school app and will post this on the school
- › When the school will reopens parents will be alerted to this via the school app and school website
- › We will provide work for children to complete using Google Classroom, parents will need to support their children with this through ensuring work is completed, ensuring children have the time to complete their work. Children in years 1-6 will also be asked to complete activities on Mathletics, Spellodrome and TT Rockstars, these are all programmes the children are very familiar with using both in school and for homework activities
- › For children in Foundation Stage, Mrs. Haynes will use the Parents Whats App page to share learning activities as well as continuing to use the 2simple programme

**Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.**

## If you have any questions

Please consult the:

- › School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- › [NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111
- › Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools
- › Government's [travel advice](#), if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

It's a tricky time and we know you're worried about the impact this might have on our community. It's important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

Thank you for your continued support.

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