



PURBROOK INFANT SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Carers

Further to update letters we have recently sent out, I thought it would be useful to provide further details as to what is taking place and what is not happening and the measures we are taking to safeguard both the children and staff.

Schools are key in this pandemic as without us many key members of the community would be unable to go to work. We are and will continue to follow both The Department for Education and NHS Guidance. However, we do have staff that are having to self-isolate for various health issues and are having to make changes to who may be in your child's class. We are aiming to send out a daily ParentMail before 7am each day advising you that the school remains open and providing any new information as it comes to light.

We will be sending children home who have a high temperature or a persistent new cough, as this is the Government's Guidance. We appreciate that some parents may feel that it is just a childhood ailment and we are being overly cautious. We appreciate and hope that this is the case, however, we cannot take this risk and have to send children home and ask them to stay at home for the recommended amount of time.

Events still taking place

- Achievement assembly will be taking place for those children for whom invitations have already been sent. However, we have made adjustments and are reducing social contact as advised. Only the children who have got their Busy Bee Stamp will be in assembly. Parents are to come through the main entrance only from 9.00am. We will be letting parents in a few at a time. Once inside school we will be asking them to wash their hands prior to going straight down to the school hall. ***Please do not come if you are showing symptoms, high temperature or a new continuous cough.*** If you fall into this category, we will put your child in another assembly

CM Sports Club and Mr Tanner's Music Clubs

- As previously advised these clubs will be continuing until we advise you otherwise

Cancelled events

- Parental Consultations
- Year 2 Mini Music Concert to Parents
- Easter Bonnet Parade
- Year R Trip to Northney Farm – this will be rescheduled
- Year 1 Cake Sale

Volunteers/Parent Helpers

Unfortunately, we are having to suspend you coming in until further notice. Please pass this information on to family members who come in to help. This decision was also made so that we can protect our visitors.

What you can do to help

- Please drop your child off at the door and let them walk to their class on their own. We are trying to reduce the number of visitors to the school. All essential visitors to the school are asked to wash their hands on entry to the school building
- Please use the StudyBugs absence line to report your child's absence if possible, this also includes if you or your family are self-isolating on the first day
- Do not send your child to school with a high temperature or a new continuous cough
- Please notify us of changes to collection arrangements prior to 2.45pm. As you can imagine, the role of office staff has had to change and they are extremely busy. Pupil post is taken to class around 2.45pm so that it can be distributed to the children. When messages come in after this time it means that a lot of time is spent delivering individual messages

PURPLE MASH

Could we ask that ALL parents please login to Purple Mash as per the instructions that were sent home yesterday. This will be our primary means of setting work and making contacting with the children in the eventuality that we close. It will be more difficult to offer support or to check user names and passwords etc if no one is physically at the school.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher