

Fosse Primary News

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Coronavirus / Covid-19

Update on actions to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus

Dear Parents and Carers,

We understand how worrying the present situation is for everybody, particularly because of a lack of clear advice for parents on what we should all be doing. The following information and advice is based on up to date government advice and responses to the situation by other local schools.

Actions we are taking:

- **Breakfast club will not run from tomorrow morning (except for 'Walking Bus' children)** – there are children from all year groups who come to Breakfast club and because we have had up to 100 children attending we feel this increases the risk of the virus spreading should it become present in school. Any children that come to school saying they have not had breakfast will still be looked after as you would expect.
- **Class assemblies and performances will not take place** – these will be postponed until the end of term in order to reduce the number of adults coming into school.
- **All school trips are cancelled** – again, this will minimise contact with people from outside school. We have decided to cancel all trips until the summer term.
- **Children are being supported to wash their hands more often and more thoroughly** - we have regular checks on all toilets to make sure soap and paper towels are always in place and are making sure surfaces and door handles are even regularly cleaned.
- **After School care and clubs will continue to run at present** because numbers at clubs are relatively small.

What you can do to help:

- **Only bring essential people on site** – do not bring older siblings or other relatives on site with you, unless they are here by themselves to pick up a child.
- **Hand washing** - please ensure your child washes their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds before leaving for school.
- **Sneezes and coughs** – please remind children to cough or sneeze into a tissue that is then immediately thrown away. Or they should sneeze or cough into the crook of their elbow
- **New coughs and fevers** – you should not bring children to school if they are suffering from a new continuous cough or have a high temperature or fever. Please phone NHS 111 for advice. *Do not go to your doctors except in an absolute emergency*
- **Contact details** – please make sure we have up to date contact details in case we need to call.

How are we preparing:

- **Home Learning** – we are looking at programs from existing suppliers as well as alternative providers to make sure we are able to provide work for pupils if we are told we have to close the school
- **Following advice** – we are following all advice provided by central government as well as staying in close contact with other schools to see how can all look after Leicester city pupils.
- **Working with the council on preparations** – for example, the council is looking at how we might provide free school meals for pupils even when schools are closed.

In the meantime, please set your children a great example by remaining as calm as possible.

Best Wishes
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