



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 Neston Primary School we're taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government Cheshire West & Chester 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 before and after-school clubs
- 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 of 37.8 degrees or higher**
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by calling school 0151 338 2500
- 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 feel unwell in school we will call parents/carers and ask that you collect the children. PLEASE ENSURE THAT UNWELL CHILDREN STAY AWAY FROM SCHOOL UNTIL THEY ARE WELL
- We have increased our cleaning procedures – adding extra cleaning during the day and at the end of the day.
- We will continue to remind children and staff to wash their hand throughout the day
- We have organized lessons and assemblies for pupils about hygiene and how to deal with anxiety around the coronavirus

What we need you to do

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via e-mail or telephone admin@nestonpri.cheshire.sch.uk 0151 338 2500
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It could be seen as a scary time for some children 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)
- › Check that your child has access to the Timestables Rockstars and Numbots 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)

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:

- › Inform you via the school website, Parent-mail, Twitter feed and Facebook Group.
- › We will use the methods mentioned above to let you know when we will reopen

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 may be 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.

Rob Golding

Head-teacher