

CANON BURROWS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

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Dear parents/carers,

As you're probably aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed since the Prime Minister's Press Conference on March 16th at 4pm. 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 Canon Burrows we're taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government, Public Health England and the Local Authority. We are continuing to practice and promote good hand hygiene, and "catch it, bin it, kill it" messages.

School recognise that this is a highly anxious time for parents, and we thank you for your patience, understanding and reasonable approach to the current situation.

I would like to personally thank the staff at Canon Burrows for their continued commitment to the school and the children in our community. They are working hard to ensure the school can remain a clean, safe and calm environment for our children during these unprecedented times. All decisions being made are made in the best interest of the children and staff and based on the limited guidance that school receives.

What's the current situation?

- The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we've been given.

The latest government advice is:

- **Self-isolation measures:** anyone with symptoms is now being urged to self-isolate for 14 days, rather than 7 days as it was before. Anyone who lives with someone with symptoms should also self-isolate for 14 days.
- Pupils should attend unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they **should remain at home for 14** days and the whole family should isolate.
 - a new, continuous cough and/or
 - a temperature
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by calling the school office on 0161 330 4755.
- To further reduce the risk to the children, staff and the community, School have taken the decision to cancel all class, family and sharing assemblies as well as Parent's Evening next week. **This means Miss Gaskell's class assembly on Friday 20th March will be postponed**
- Following guidance from the Diocese of Manchester the school **Eucharist Service on 1st April at Christ Church and Parent's Evening on Wednesday March 25th and Thursday March 26th have been cancelled.**
- We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation, however school is only getting information at the same time as the general public so please be patient with us.



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

- We are monitoring the health and wellbeing of staff and children closely. If children or staff display the symptoms listed above they will be sent home along with any siblings to self-isolate for 14 days as per current guidelines.
- Additional cleaning is taking place regularly throughout the day. Additional resources have been purchased so that every classroom is being cleaned several times each day along with communal spaces.
- Staff are promoting good hygiene through thorough hand-washing and additional hand sanitisers are located across school.
- Children are eating lunch in different locations around school, all children are washing their hands before lunch and then are having alcohol gel applied in the queue as they approach the serving hatch.
- Collective worship is happening in classes.
- Children are having extra My Happy Mind sessions

What we need you to do

- Please be patient with us, we do not have all the answers and are only receiving information at the same time at the general public. Please rest assured we are doing all we can to protect the children and staff at this tricky time.
- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via 0161 330 4755 or admin@canonburrows.co.uk
- 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)
- Please inform us if you do not have internet access at your home and let us know if there are any issues with resources such as pencils and paper etc (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:

- Send you a text message to inform you of any school closure, we will also email and put a message of on our school website as well as our Twitter.



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- We will also text, email and place a message on our website and social media to inform you when the school will be reopened
- Our plan is to upload daily work for children to the school website (Year Group Pages) This learning will consolidate English, Mathematics and learning in other curriculum subjects.

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:

- [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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