



HAREWOOD NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: COVID-19 Coronavirus

Here is the latest information in response to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. As of today, Wednesday 18th March 2020 our school remains open and children should attend as normal. Our main concern is the welfare of the children, the staff, our families and the wider community. We are closely following government guidance and are working hard to safeguard the wellbeing of all.

What if my child is unwell at home? If your child becomes unwell at home and has a temperature above 37.8 degrees and/or a new, persistent cough, please keep them at home for a minimum of 14 days. You now also need to isolate the household for 14 days. You should telephone school as normal to let us know your child will not be in. You should also use the NHS 111 online service to check what to do next or call the NHS 111 Service - Find out what to do if you think you have symptoms. Please let school know if you are given any further advice from the NHS.

What if my child becomes unwell at school? If your child becomes unwell at school and displays these symptoms, we will contact you immediately. Your child will be moved to a safe, quiet space and will be monitored. We ask that you make every effort to collect them as quickly as possible. Then follow the advice above. Please let the office know if you have changed your contact details recently to help us with this.

What if my child or another member of my household has underlying health issues? We continue to promote good hygiene practices at school with regular handwashing in line with guidance. We have also restricted visitors to school and have cancelled events such as stay and play sessions. We are working with our cleaners to undertake additional cleaning in high contact areas such as door handles and work surfaces. We understand that this is a worrying time for parents particularly where a member of the family has other health concerns. The current guidance advises that people with chronic conditions, pregnant women and older people are encouraged to distance themselves from others for a period of 12 weeks.

I have heard a child / member of staff is self-isolating and is not in school, is school going to close? The government have advised that if a member of staff or a pupil show symptoms of COVID-19 that school should remain open and pupils should attend as normal. The affected member of staff or pupil should remain at home as detailed above. School will continue to take advice from relevant authorities and act accordingly.

Will my child be provided with learning materials if he/she has to self isolate? Learning packs are currently being created for all children who have to remain at

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home or for distribution in the event of any future school closure. These will be sent home with the children or delivered to you if necessary if the decision to close is taken by the Government. We are also looking to add activity ideas and content for the children to access via our school website: www.harewood.wakefield.sch.uk . These will be available through our website as soon as possible.

What will happen if the government shut school? Guidance around school closures will be issued by the government and therefore we are unable to share any further information at this point. We have plans in place to manage our school closure and will let you know via all our usual forms of communication – letter, website and social media accounts.

Will you be cancelling the school trip? We will take a decision whether or not to cancel our planned summer school trip nearer the time and in line with all up to date advice and guidance.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Becky Cook,

Headteacher

Official information and guidance is available and updated daily here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

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