

East Hunsbury Primary School

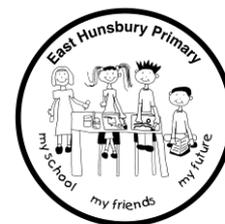
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Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are getting in touch to let you know what we are doing in light of the Government's guidance about coronavirus changing from "contain" to "delay."

We would like to reassure you that we're taking all the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the Government.

What's the current situation?

At the time of writing the **school remains open**. This is the current official guidance we've been given.

Pupils should attend unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they **should remain at home for 14 days**:

- a new, continuous cough and/or
- a temperature
- If your child is unwell, can we please ask that in the first instance you report the absence via email to absence@easthunsburyprimary.org – this will free up the phone lines – or you can call the school office on 01604 677970, option 1. If your child travels to school via school transport, you should contact them as well to cancel the transport arrangements.
- We must inform you that from the beginning of next week, some members of staff, including class teachers, will be required to self-isolate because they are in a vulnerable group with reduced immunity. We're currently seeking supply cover and will keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation.
- Staff are aware that they need to self-isolate if they are showing any of the symptoms. Where this leads to staff absence, we will assess how much of the school can remain fully open. We are making daily judgements on the provision we have available.

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

- Following guidance from NPAT, we will be cancelling all before & after school clubs from next week – week commencing 23rd March 2020. This **includes Hotshots, Yoga Pebbles, GLK Football, GLK Gymnastics, Gardening Club, UDance, Choir and Pacesetters Olympics. However, Gardening Club & Choir will be cancelled from this week – 18th and 19th March.**
- East Hunsbury Primary School Kids Club will remain open before and after school, whilst the school is still open to pupils.
- All SU minibus trips, including horse-riding, will be cancelled until further notice.
- **Parents Evenings, planned for Thursday 26th and Tuesday 31st March are now cancelled.**
- We have reduced access to the school for external meetings and non-essential visitors. Plus, we have cancelled all lettings of the school premises.
- We have cancelled school events such as the Year 5 performance at the Derngate theatre, the Easter Experience in Year 3, the Year 4 National Gallery visit and the Community Cafe
- We're currently reviewing our Year 5, 6 and SU Residentials, all due to take place in May 2020. We are exploring the possibility of delaying these trips, but also looking into what, if any, cancellation charges may apply.

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- Governing Body meetings are being postponed and may take place remotely.
- In order to minimise the risk of cross-contamination within our school setting, please support our efforts in not entering the main building unless absolutely necessary.
- If a child shows symptoms during the day, we will contact you requesting that you collect them (plus any siblings) and keep them at home for 14 days.
- We are enforcing hand-washing as well as the use of hand sanitisers
- The leadership team are meeting daily and reviewing actions based on the latest advice from NPAT and the Government and what's happening in school.

Home Learning

- We are considering options for providing home learning for children in the event of closure, e.g. providing hard copy packs of work or through on-line resources or a mixture of both. Work packs / on-line resources will be year group specific.

What we need you to do

If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via office@easthunsburyprimary.org or 01604 677970.

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)

School Closures

NPAT will shortly advise us on the school closure procedures, should this be necessary.

NPAT are also looking at safeguarding procedures for vulnerable children and families and the provision of free-school meals in the event of the school closing.

It's a tricky time and we know you're worried about the impact this might have on your family and our community. The advice to schools is constantly changing and we hope you will understand that this is totally beyond our control. It's important we keep each other safe and support each other at this challenging time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Rita Arundel

Headteacher