

# Westacre Infant School



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## **Updated guidance from the Government and guidance for education settings from the Department for Education**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The following information and guidance has been taken directly from the relevant sources.

What you need to know:

- staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal
- if staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home

The key new measures the Prime Minister announced yesterday included:

- People should avoid non-essential travel and work from home if they can
- People should only use the NHS "where we really need to" - and can reduce the burden on workers by getting advice on the NHS website where possible
- If one person in any household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days
- Schools will not be closed for the moment

We have had lots of requests for work to be sent home from families that need to stay at home. We do not have the capacity nor do I feel it is appropriate to send potentially cross-contaminated additional items home. We have many resources available in our Curriculum Section of the website for you to refer to. These resources can be used to focus any learning that you choose to do on Education City or other internet based resources. You also have access to the Topic Newsletter that is currently being taught in each year group. You can use this to plan a range of activities that the children will enjoy.

During this difficult time, I feel it is important that we all remain positive for the benefit of the children. Play games, watch films or if possible have fun in the garden. As a school, we are trying to keep everything the same whilst being mindful of the unfortunate situation.

May I take this opportunity to once again thank you for your continued support and reassure you we are doing all we can to support the children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aid Edmunds', with a flourish at the end.

Mr Aidan Edmunds

Headteacher