



# Kea Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the school's approach to the current global issue of Coronavirus Covid-19. Many of you have contacted us regarding your concerns.

Since the outbreak of the virus we have been taking regular advice from the government. This includes ensuring that children are aware of basic hygiene, good practice of hand washing and are being reminded to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. Cleaning staff are being particularly vigilant, using different, stronger cleaning materials and they are paying particular attention to desks, chair backs, door handles and hand rails. Pupils are being reminded to sneeze or cough into a tissue and throw it away, or into the crook of their elbow rather than their hand if they don't have a tissue.

Currently, apart from increased vigilance regarding cleaning and handwashing, school routines are continuing as normal. School trips will take place as planned, including residential visits in the summer term.

However, we understand that things could change and we will respond to any changes appropriately, we will of course let you know as soon as we are updated.

In the event that the school is advised by the government to close, we will inform parents as quickly as possible – by text and e-mail as well as by placing information on the school website. Staff are currently preparing home learning materials which will be provided (most likely via the school website) if we do close.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

The most common symptoms of Coronavirus Covid-19 are:

- high temperature (above 37.8 degrees)
- difficulty in breathing
- a new continuous cough.

In order that we protect pupils, staff and families particularly those with existing health conditions and therefore very vulnerable, if you or any of your family develop any of these symptoms it is vital that you follow the government's advice and self-isolate.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you or any of your immediate family come into contact with anyone who has been confirmed as having Coronavirus Covid-19.

Yours sincerely

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