



## Goostrey Community Primary School

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### Coronavirus Update Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

- Currently school remains open as usual. As advised by the government we will continue to operate as long as we have enough staff to do so safely.
- Children should attend unless they present the main symptoms. Parents are advised to read the government's guidance on staying at home in the case of suspected coronavirus infection. This is based on the most significant symptoms of:

***new continuous cough, and/or high temperature (37.8°C)***

If children develop either of these symptoms, they should be kept at home for a period of 7 days from the onset of the symptoms. Full details are available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

**It will not be possible for teachers to provide work for pupils to complete if being isolated at home.** But, you are encouraged to make use of available resources such as [TTRockstars](#) and the information on the class pages about what the classes are learning this week.

Any further available information will be provided on this page as and when it is available. Up-to-date information on the actions taken by Public Health England are available

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Since last Friday:

- Staff have been communicating with each other throughout the weekend as things developed
- Senior leaders met to consider the next few weeks and agree any actions
- All day trips for the rest of this term and the York residential cancelled
- South African visit deferred
- Large group staff training has been cancelled and training due to be held at our school also cancelled to minimise the number of people visiting us
- All children spoken to about changes they will notice in school – **separate notes below**

- Summer term activities and events to be reviewed as more information comes through
- Staff met to look at how we can best facilitate distance learning – letter explaining this in more detail to be emailed out tomorrow
- While school remains open most things will continue as normal e.g. before and after school clubs, extra-curricular activities. This will minimise disruption to families and maintain a normal atmosphere
- Staff ensuring children wash hands / use sanitisers regularly and reminding them about H & S procedures, ‘Catch it, Bin it, Kill it’ – everyone is extra vigilant
- Children will be outside as much as possible – break times and lunchtimes etc
- Adults are taking a sensible, responsible and calm approach while keeping up to date with any information from the government and local authority and acting upon it accordingly.

### ***Junior Assembly Notes:***

- ***These are unusual times but the main thing you need to know is that you have adults around you at home and school that care for you and will do the right things to keep you safe and protect you***
- ***To try and minimise larger groups in one area some of us will be eating in the halls and others in classrooms***
- ***School assemblies are cancelled from today***
- ***All PTA events cancelled or postponed over the next few weeks***
- ***Visits out highly likely to be cancelled including York residential and SA visit has been deferred to next academic year***
- ***Most things, at this point, in school will remain as normal e.g. after school clubs and extra-curricular activities – business as usual***
- ***If and when things change, we will deal with them calmly and sensibly making any decisions in an informed way and will share information with you as appropriate so you can understand the reasons behind it.***
- ***The importance of keeping everyone safe and protected highlighted – frequent hand washing, using sanitisers and sneezing / coughing in to sleeves or tissues and then washing hands and not getting too close to other people – being sensible and looking out for each other***
- ***Some countries have closed their schools and it may happen here in the future – not at the moment. If we do close, we will look at how we can teach remotely and staff are consulting on the best way to do this.***
- ***Best thing we can be is be calm, sensible and considerate – if you have questions ask them and we will be as open as possible with you.***
- ***Children then asked questions***
- ***Assembly finished with us asking them not to worry, keep talking with us and we’ll keep looking at what happens next and always do our very best for every child and adult in our school***

## ***Infant Assembly***

- ***Similar to the juniors but Mrs Flint explained they could all be super heroes and stop this virus by washing their hands regularly and sneezing into a tissue. She spoke with them about not hugging and kissing each other and trying to keep their fingers out of their mouths***

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51204456>

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