

Dane Bank Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

This is an uncertain and unsettling time for everyone. As you're probably aware, the government's guidance on the Coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. We're getting in touch to let you know what we're doing in light of this, and how we can support each other to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We'd like to reassure you that at Dane Bank we're taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government and local authority

What's the current situation?

- The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we've been given from the Department for Education.
- All school functions continue to run as normal including after school clubs unless notified otherwise.
- Pupils should attend unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they **should remain at home for 7 days**:
 - a new, continuous cough and/or
 - a temperature
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by telephoning 0161 336 5896.
- Please note that **Chocolate Bingo has been CANCELLED until further notice.** Non Uniform Day with donations of chocolate will still take place on Friday 20th March. Information regarding other events will follow nearer the time.
- Advice at present is that SATs will still take place. If this situation changes, we will notify you accordingly.
- We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation

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

- If your child is unwell in school, we will contact you to make arrangements for them to be collected.
- School will continue to be cleaned thoroughly with appropriate areas made priority.
- All pupils, visitors and staff are being reminded about hand-washing and general hygiene.
- Lessons and class assemblies are taking place for pupils about hygiene and how to deal with anxiety



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What we need you to do

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible**.
- Talk to your children about the Coronavirus. It's a scary time for them and all need to make sure children feel supported. [BBC Newsround](#) has regular updates for younger children and [YoungMinds](#) has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety
- 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).
- We are putting things in place for remote learning in the event that school closes.

What happens if the school has to close?

We'll only close if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school.

In either case, we'll:

- Contact you via the school app and a post on our website
- The same process will be used to let you know when the school will be reopened
- We are planning to set work for pupils during closure and ask that you support them with this

Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare.
There are currently no plans to close.

If you have any questions

Please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- [NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's Coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to Coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's [travel advice](#), if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

It's a tricky time and we know you're worried about the impact this might have on our community. It's important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards

Alicia Todhunter

Headteacher

