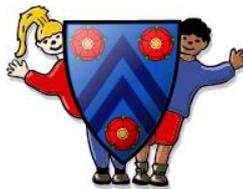


# MARSHFIELD CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning together, inspiring each other, achieving our best

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Dear Parents/carers,

As you will be aware, there remains much uncertainty regarding the current COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic and how its continued spread is likely to increasingly affect our day-to-day lives in Marshfield and further afield.

While the situation continues to quickly evolve, I wanted you to be aware that the School has already spent a considerable time on contingency planning and has also put in place a number of measures to help limit the chances of the spreading the virus at school. These include having introduced changes to the cleaning regime across the School; promoting, and at times insisting on, handwashing and the use of alcohol antiviral hand gels; raising awareness amongst the staff and pupils. We are delighted that there have been no confirmed cases of coronavirus within our school community or in our area to date.

Whilst we are now in the “delay” phase of the government response, **the School continues to rely heavily on parental support in keeping children at home who are exhibiting symptoms** which may be due to exposure to someone who has the COVID-19 coronavirus infection:

- fever
- difficulty in breathing
- cough

If there is a suspicion that this is the case for your child, please do not bring them into school and seek medical advice by ringing NHS 111. If any parent/carer is feeling unwell, we ask that they do not come in to school and seek medical advice.

In addition, parents who have travelled abroad recently need to follow the government advice for returning travellers: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>

We are also putting in place contingency plans to deal with potential additional impacts of the coronavirus outbreak on the School and its activities, and we will be in touch about these as and when the situation changes. In anticipation of an enforced school closure, we are preparing weekly learning activities that can be carried out at home. Full details regarding learning at home will be sent if an



enforced closure situation occurs and an exercise book will be coming home with your child soon that can be used to complete set tasks in. **Please note that the school has not received any information or confirmation regarding an enforced closure.**

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is also available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education. Parents can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

We are very appreciative of your support as we continue to navigate the most pragmatic course possible for the pupils and the wider Marshfield community, within the context of a rapidly evolving and unprecedented situation.

Kind regards

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