



Gentleshaw Primary Academy

13th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Coronavirus Outbreak March 2020

In light of the current situation surrounding the outbreak of the Coronavirus, we wanted to contact all parents and carers of pupils at Gentleshaw to ensure that you are fully aware of the latest advice for schools to follow. Government advice issued yesterday stated that schools will remain open until further notice, however the following procedures will be put in place with immediate effect:-

1. Please do not send your child into school if they have a temperature (37.8° or above). Children developing a temperature during the school day will be sent home with immediate collection please. Those children with a high temperature should remain at home for 7 days.
2. Please do not bring your child in if they have a persistent cough or develop a new cough. Children should stay at home for 7 days.

We do appreciate that these measures may cause some inconvenience to parents, but during this situation we have to follow Government advice, safeguarding children and staff.

To help to minimise escalation in school, we have already been following guidance, with teaching staff talking to pupils in school about the importance of hand washing, including duration and techniques. This is something which you can also support at home to help.

In addition, we have reminded pupils about how to minimise the germs that they spread in coughing and sneezing, in line with the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' guidance currently being circulated, again something that can be supported at home.

We are continuing to monitor all incoming information, and will cascade any further updates home as we receive them.

Please contact the school office should you have any specific questions, or require any further information or assistance.

Thank you for your support at this challenging time.

G Parsons
Headteacher