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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Coronavirus

We're getting in touch to let you know how we are dealing with coronavirus and what we expect from all of you, *to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.*

We'd like to reassure you that at Walsden St Peter's CE Primary School we're taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the Government and Calderdale Local Authority.

### What's the current situation?

- The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we've been given
- **Pupils should attend school unless they feel unwell** – if your child has any of the following symptoms, they **should now remain at home for 14 days**.
- a new, continuous cough and/or
- a high temperature
- Entire households should self-isolate for 14 days if one person has been showing symptoms of the coronavirus.

If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by telephoning the school office.

Last night, the Government announced that we need to stop all 'non-essential' social contact with others. Therefore, the following will apply:

- Friday celebration assemblies with parents **will cease** until further notice.
- Easter Service in Church is **cancelled**
- Currently, we are looking at trips on an individual basis and contacting the providers. If we decide to go ahead with a school trip we will contact parents to ensure they are happy for their child to attend.

We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation and planned activities that are still going ahead, as quickly as we possibly can. However, this is proving extremely difficult as advice is changing by the day.

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

- In school pupils are still being encouraged to wash hands as they enter school, after break, before lunch, after lunch and during the afternoon session
- If any pupil feels unwell whilst in school we will contact you on the numbers you have provided
- Regular cleaning of communal areas

### What we need you to do

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible**
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we'll contact you if they become ill with either a high temperature or a new, continuous cough)

### 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 safely. In either case, we will:

- Alert all parents/carers via e-mail, text and our website
- Work will be set for each year group
- When it is safe to reopen, we will alert parents/carers via e-mail, text and our website
- Work **will only be set remotely if school closes**. Staff e-mails will be shared with parents for any home learning queries.
- Absences from school if children are not self-isolating or are not ill, will not be authorised.

Please be aware that teachers are currently in school teaching and ensuring that children maintain regular hygiene and keeping communal areas clean. Bearing in mind our teachers' workload, we are simply not in a position to set work remotely for children individually who are well enough to come to school but do not attend or for children who are not in school because they are ill or self-isolating.

However, a number of websites are offering free home learning resources. They are as follows:

[www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer) and enter the code **UKTWINKLHELPS**  
<https://www.robinhoodmat.co.uk/learning-projects/>

Children in KS2 have a login for Times Tables Rock Stars.  
If your child needs theirs and they are not in school please contact school.

Your child can access Purple Mash – their login details will be sent home over the next few days.

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/walsden-infant>  
[www.3plearning.com/distance-teaching](http://www.3plearning.com/distance-teaching)  
[www.ictgames.com/literacy](http://www.ictgames.com/literacy)  
[www.letters-and-sounds.com](http://www.letters-and-sounds.com)  
[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)  
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>  
<http://www.numberjacks.co.uk/kids/>

BBC Bitesize have activities for KS 1 and 2

All children have spelling lists to learn and times table and division facts to learn.

Reading and times table practice can never be underestimated!

**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.**

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Headteachers