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**Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Due to the changes in Government advice late yesterday afternoon, we are sure you will be aware that the school is beginning to have insufficient staffing for it to remain open fully. As a school we have worked hard today to ensure most of the children can continue with their learning. Each day we will assess how much of the school we can open, this may mean we are unable to support individual pupils with one to one provisions or whole year groups may be required to stay at home.

We will tell you as soon as we know how many year groups we can accommodate each morning, via the website and Marvellous Me.

**PLEASE NOTE: All Shirley children of NHS staff or who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding will be exempt from partial closure. Please contact the office to inform us.**

**In the event of full school closure:** We will only close if:

1. We are advised to do so by the Government.
2. Essential school services are compromised due to high staff absence

**Please continue to follow government advice:**

*"If one member of your household is displaying the symptoms the whole household is to self-isolate for 14 days."*

Boris Johnson has, this afternoon set out new rules stating it is now a **14-day exclusion** for one of the following symptoms:

Dry, persistent cough  
Shortness of breath  
High temp over 37.8

**Therefore, if your child develops one of the above symptoms (regardless of what you believe the cause may be) a 14-day exclusion from day one of symptoms is required. In addition, if ANY household member has any symptoms the ENTIRE household must self-isolate for 14 days, please do not send your child if a member of your household is isolating.**



We recognise that this can cause you distress when trying to make the right decision for your family. Please remember that our office staff are unable to provide medical advice to you and this has to be a parental decision. If you are unsure, please call the medical helplines.

Phone: 0800 046 8687 (opening hours: 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday)

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

For more general information, please use the links below to find the latest advice:

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

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/foreign-commonwealth-office>

We wish to thank you for your continued support at this difficult and challenging time.

Yours sincerely,



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