



# Falcon Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers

In light of recent announcements around Coronavirus (COVID-19), I thought I would update you on our current position.

The prime minister has made it very clear that at the moment there is no prospect of mass schools closure. Norfolk County Council is currently drawing up detailed guidance for us on what to do in the event that schools did have to close, but at the moment this is not the case.

The government have advised everyone to self-isolate if they have any symptoms of COVID-19. The information from the NHS is as follows:

Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

**Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:**

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

Having other cold or flu-like symptoms, for example having a runny nose, sore throat or sneezing, does not require self-isolation. The school cannot advise on a case-by-case basis as the decision to keep a child or children at home remains a parental responsibility. However, please ensure you do call the school office if your child is not attending school that day.

This advice applies equally to children, parents and staff, therefore **nobody** should be coming to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

The other main advice is to continue with good hygiene practices, particularly handwashing and not touching your face. These are things we are talking to the children about.

Furthermore, as a result of the current uncertainty over COVID-19, **we have decided to postpone all parents' evenings which were planned for the next couple of weeks until the summer term.** Please do contact our child's class teacher if there is something that you wish to discuss.

The situation appears to be changing very quickly and I will keep you informed if we hear anything significant. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to come and ask.

Yours sincerely,

E J Savage  
Headteacher