

Name: _____

Class: _____

FLIXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 17th March

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support over the last couple of days in helping us try to implement the measures we outlined in our last letter. It is an extremely difficult time for us all, and the speed of change in events has been quite phenomenal at times.

As well as the general update to guidance for everyone, outlined yesterday by the Government, [you can find it on the school website on the Information for Parents tab – Coronavirus Information for Parents], there has also been an update for schools as well. This guidance now states that school closure “may be necessary if there are so many staff being isolated that the school has operational issues.”

Currently the school has ten staff members who are affected, through being symptomatic, residing with someone who is symptomatic, or being in a high risk group, and who are following guidelines and self-isolating for 14 days. This has placed the school in a position where we are struggling to maintain a full complement of staff. Currently, through a variety of means including using supply teachers and reorganising timetables, we are able to provide a teacher for every class, but we do not know for how much longer this situation is sustainable. We are operating very much on a day by day basis at this point, and it seems inevitable that in the very near future, we will be forced to close, either by the Government, or because we simply cannot provide the staffing required to keep children safe and supervised.

We have advanced plans in place for remote learning, which we will share with you soon. Please keep an eye on the school website. We have placed a tab on the Navigation bar called ‘Learning from Home’ and will place any information needed there for you to access. Your child will be coming home with a Pupil Login for an area of the website [Pupil Login button is in the top corner of the screen] in the next couple of days. Please check that the login works, and let me know if there are any problems with it.

We are doing everything we can to remain open as long as we can. We need to reassure you that, as always, the safety and wellbeing of our children is our prime concern. Thank you for your understanding. As soon as we know more, or as events change, we will be in touch.



J Redmond
Headteacher

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



SCHOOL
ETC.
On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home