



Grindleford Primary School

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Dear Parent and Carers,

Further to the announcements made last night by the Prime Minister about COVID-19, I would like to share with you all what we are doing in school to try to keep ourselves and your children safe.

- We have introduced set hand washing times for all the children and staff throughout the day. Proper handwashing techniques have been taught to the children and they are following them really well.
- All assemblies have been cancelled and the extra time will be spent outside.
- All classes that can be taken outside will be.
- All windows in the classrooms are open.
- All visitors have been cancelled coming into school.
- All trips out of school have been cancelled for the time being, including staff training courses.
- All parents have been asked to leave their children at the school gates and not come onto the playground.

These measures may seem quite extreme, however:

- A TA is already self isolating for 14 days due to her child having a high temperature and cough.
- One member of staff is in the 'high risk group' who are going to be contacted soon (according to Mr Johnson) to stay away from work for the foreseeable future.
- **All** staff members have young families, are in the high risk category or have elderly relatives who have serious medical conditions already diagnosed.

At the moment, I have two members of staff that I really should be sending home to self-isolate due to their own underlying health issues or health issues within their extended families. I feel incredibly guilty keeping them in school, but without them the school would have to close. At the moment they are choosing to come in to work....this situation could change.

In light of this, and the fact that more and more families are choosing to self-isolate due to their children showing symptoms, please can you actively be thinking about contingency measures for your family if we do have to close. I cannot see how long we will be able to keep open as we cannot run if the school is two teaching staff down.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support and help in these unprecedented times of uncertainty. I will try to keep you as updated as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Leonie Boulton