



St Ippolyts C.E. (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents,

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 17.3.2020

Following my recent letters, I would like to start by thanking you for your continued cooperation, support and understanding at this very difficult time.

Yesterday the government announced further measures to slow the spread of the virus; however at this point in time there are still no plans for wide scale school closures.

The new guidance states that if **ANY member of a household develops a cough or high temperature, ALL members of the family should isolate for 14 days**. This includes not leaving the house, even for shopping. Whilst I absolutely recognise that this is likely to cause significant disruption for you as parents, it is vital that we all follow this latest advice.

If you are unsure whether your child is displaying symptoms of Covid-19 or just a 'normal' cold, please err on the side of caution and keep them away from school for the required time. It is important that you inform us immediately if your family is in isolation so that we can apply the correct code to your child's absence.

This is the latest information on staying at home:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

This is important information about who is classed as 'vulnerable' and on social distancing methods:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people>

In line with the latest advice, Mrs Stokes will not be able to come to work for the foreseeable future. **This means that there will be NO CROSSING PATROL.**

If children are absent due to self-isolation, there are lots of things you can do with them to continue their learning:

- Teachers will provide a pack of activities and workbooks. These can be collected from the school office or alternatively can be posted if your whole family is isolating. Please let us know which you prefer.

- Children in Y2-6 have Times Tables Rock stars logins – please ask your child to access this daily if possible. This is especially important for children in Y4
- This half term’s home learning grids are all on the school website; children who are off could complete all of the activities on the sheet.
- Y6 have access to SAM Learning

In addition, each class now has a new email account so that teachers can communicate directly with you about learning and activities; they will use this to send through further activities and information. Please only use these email addresses to communicate about your child’s learning – all other queries, such as reporting absence etc, should go through the office as normal.

The email addresses are as follows:

Class 1 class1@stipps.herts.sch.uk
 Class 2 class2@stipps.herts.sch.uk
 Class 3 class3@stipps.herts.sch.uk
 Class 4 class4@stipps.herts.sch.uk
 Class 5 class5@stipps.herts.sch.uk
 Class 6 class6@stipps.herts.sch.uk

Other email contacts:

Mrs Peddie head@stipps.herts.sch.uk
 Office admin@stipps.herts.sch.uk
 Mrs Nichols senco@stipps.herts.sch.uk

In my previous letters I listed the events which are postponed or cancelled. All communications are available on the school website if you need to refer back to them.

Whilst school remains open, we have strict hygiene routines in place; these include:

- All children and adults wash their hands immediately on arrival
- Regular handwashing takes place throughout the school day.
- Children are regularly reminded about the importance of handwashing; there are posters and visual reminders across the school and in all cloakrooms.
- All door handles, screens and surfaces are disinfected daily by our cleaning team
- External visitors have been restricted to those which are considered to be absolutely essential. Visitors wash their hands on arrival.

Please also note that after this week there will be no after school clubs.

I would like to thank you once again for your support and cooperation at this time.

Yours sincerely



Mrs RE Peddie
 Headteacher