



MORDIFORD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are closely following the daily guidance given by the DfE about the current COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic and ensuring that we follow the good practice that is advised. Guidance is currently that schools remain open, however we are making plans to prepare for any enforced closure to the school either due to inadequate staffing levels, a local outbreak or government decision. This planning includes support material for the children and you as families so that as far as is practical we can maintain continuity in the children's education. We will of course keep you updated and let you know of any significant changes immediately. Please also keep us fully informed of any changes to your own circumstances so that we can factor this into our planning procedures.

Following the Government advice given yesterday, we urge all parents to be clear on the following:

- If your child has a continuous cough **and/or** a temperature of 37.5C or higher, you must keep your child at home for a period of 7 days from the time that these symptoms are noticed.
- At the end of that 7 day period, pupils can return to School, if they are feeling better e.g. no temperature. We would recommend the use of either traditional 'under the tongue' or digital forehead or ear thermometers, rather than the strip-type thermometers which are not accurate enough in these precise circumstances.

This advice also applies to staff and therefore any staff with the above symptoms will be required to self-isolate. This will mean that in order to minimise disruption to education, your child is taught by another staff member or that where practical classes are combined.

Whilst the school remains open we will continue to ensure that strict hygiene is maintained by hand washing, use of tissues and that our cleaning routine adheres to the Government guidelines.

We may also have to limit trips and experiences during this period. With this in mind we have taken the decision to delay next week's Technquest trip in Cardiff. It is also unlikely that the Erasmus visit to Portugal at the end of May will go ahead.

The link to this Government advice can be found at:

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

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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