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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Coronavirus update

You will no doubt be aware that the Government's guidance on the Coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus.

I am writing to reassure you that at Egginton Primary School we are taking all of the necessary steps to protect our school community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the Government and Local Authority

What is the current situation?

The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we have been given.

All school functions continue to run as normal.

Pupils are expected to attend unless they are feeling unwell. If your child has any of the following symptoms they **must remain at home (and self-isolate) for at least 7 days:**

- a new, continuous cough and/or
- a high temperature (above 37.8 degrees C)

This is in line with Government guidance. Further guidance on 'staying at home' can be found by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

If your child is unwell, please report this as you would normally by contacting the school office either by phone or email by no later than 9.30am

What the school is doing to protect the pupils and staff

- In line with Government advice, we are continuing to ensure that pupils are washing their hands regularly and thoroughly throughout the school day. Importantly, pupils are required to wash their hands as soon as they arrive in school.
- A revised cleaning schedule is being implemented following DCC guidance on the issue.
- We are speaking to the children about the issue when it arises in a sensitive and age appropriate way. We are mindful that although it is important to be open and allow children to discuss any anxieties they may have, it is also important to not cause excessive worry and panic.
- We are ensuring that if a pupil does fall ill with suspected symptoms, they will be moved to a separate area away from other pupils and their parents/carers will be contacted immediately.

What we need you to do

- To come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we will contact you immediately if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough).
- Ensure that your child washes their hands thoroughly before they leave home to come to school in the morning and as soon as they get home from school at the end of the day.
- Ensure that you tell the school if you, or another emergency contact, have recently changed a phone number or email address.

What happens if the school has to close?

We will only close if we are either officially advised to do so or if we do not have enough staff to run the school.

In either case, we will:

- Inform you by text message, email and parent mail. A notice will be put on the school website and the Derbyshire County Council website.
- Provide guidance for continued home-learning should school be closed for a period of time
- You will be informed via email and text message to inform you as to when school will reopen.

Please keep in mind that we are only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

If you have any questions

Please consult the:

[NHS](#) website, if you require further information about the symptoms of Coronavirus.

If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, current advice states that:

- You must not go to the GP, pharmacy or hospital.
- You do not need to contact NHS 111.
- You do not need to be tested if you are staying at home.

However, if; symptoms are unmanageable, they are getting worse or not getting better after 7 days then 111 should be contacted for further advice

Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: **0800 046 8687**, if you have any questions about the Government's response to the Coronavirus in relation to schools.

We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Richard Kitching
Headteacher

