

**VICTORIA SCHOOL
NURSERY, INFANT AND JUNIOR
PARENT/CARER INFORMATION
WEEK COMMENCING 16TH MARCH 2020**

UPDATE

Coronavirus (COVID-19): infection control measures

Nursery, Infants and Junior

RE: The school's infection control measures

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear parents/ carers

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times. Thank you very much for ensuring the smooth way in which the pupils have been coming into school in the morning. It has worked very well and has ensured that no adults are congregating on the playground. The pupils have adapted extremely well to the changes and have settled into school quickly and ready to begin the day.

Please be reassured that we are doing as much as we can to manage the situation, by putting in place measures to protect the health and wellbeing of the pupils and staff. With the new guidance from the government last night, we have instigated additional measures to try and minimise the risk of cross infection in school. These include:

1. No parent/carers or visitors are now allowed to enter the school unless by prior arrangement.
2. We continue to reinforce and supervise the children during handwashing.
3. All pupils wash their hands as soon as they enter school in the morning, before snack, before lunch, before afternoon snack, after PE and before they go home.
4. We have sent home medical guidance to all pupils who are asthmatic and have contacted the parents/carers to support them.
5. Whole school assemblies have been cancelled and children are having social stories and lessons about keeping clean and healthy.
6. All meetings with external agencies have been cancelled to reduce contact and social distancing by staff.
7. Staff will continue to wear protective gloves and aprons when changing nappies or supporting children with toileting.
8. Staff will wear protective gloves when handling money.
9. Staff who are pregnant or have underlying health issues have been advised accordingly.

I would like to reassure you that we have **NO CONFIRMED CASES** of COVID 19 in at Victoria School and these are just steps that have been put into place in order to protect the pupils and staff.

We have also been using the DFE website to seek additional guidance and daily updates in relation to COVID 19. Please visit this at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

A handwashing video is available to show your child please click on the link provided: <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

The essential government guidance is that anyone with a continuous cough or any sign of fever about 37.8oC MUST stay at home and self-isolate for 7 days. The guidance states: If you live with someone with the symptoms stay at home for 14 days from the first day when they showed symptoms.

This will help to protect others in our community while they are infectious.

If a pupil is self-isolating, they will be recorded as unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances, which is an authorised absence.

Cumbria County Council have created a website with information and guidance that is updated regularly. They have an Education tactical co-ordination group supporting educational establishments. <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/coronavirus/education.asp>

School website: Our school website is being updated daily with information and guidance relating to COVID 19. All the learning links to support pupils who are absent can be accessed using the website where there is a range of activities. www.victoriaschool.org.uk

We will endeavour to keep parents/ carers up to date regularly through the website or by text message as and when information needs to be updated.

Please find attached a letter from Cumbria County Council: **Advice to schools responding to the Coronavirus COVID19.**