



# Red Marsh School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Re: Coronavirus**

We continue to take the Health and Safety of all our pupils and staff very seriously and are continuing to follow guidance from Public Health England and the daily updates from the Department of Education regarding Coronavirus.

Owing to the vulnerability of many of our pupils we have also introduced additional measures to ensure that school remains as clean and safe as possible.

This includes reducing the number of visitors entering school and the number of people our students engage with out of school. We are therefore going to follow a policy where all visits into and out of school have been cancelled with the exception of essential education, health and social care meetings. These will be held in a designated room at the front of school. All visitors will have to follow our sanitizing procedures; confirm they are well and have not visited or been in contact with others from the specified countries or areas listed in the COVID-19 DFE guidance for educational settings.

This means we will be cancelling events such as after school clubs, the spring fair, swimming in the public baths and inclusion visits.

Unless we are instructed by the Department of Education we will remain open provided that staffing levels are safe to meet the needs of all our pupils. If staffing levels drop, due to staff or their children becoming ill, we may need to close school. This may either be a part closure or a full closure. If closure becomes necessary we will inform you as soon as possible. It is therefore essential that we can contact parents straight away on the contact numbers we have in school. If your number changes or has changed please ring school so we can update our records. We will also need current email addresses, please put a current email address in your child's diary.

As a school community it is important we help each other stay safe and well, it is therefore important that you keep your child at home if they show any signs or symptoms of the virus such as a new persistent cough, cold like symptoms and a raised temperature above 37.8 degrees. In order to minimise risk in school we will be sending home any pupil showing these signs.

We will do our best to support you and your child through this uncertain and difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Dellow

Head Teacher