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Dear Parents and Carers,

The situation regarding Coronavirus and its implications for the school is fast moving and we aim to keep you all updated as current information is shared with us but the table below outlines our intentions relating to immediate events.

The situation:

The guidance changed considerably yesterday, and we have responded to this. This includes:

- Cancelling all school events considering the guidance to avoid large gatherings
- Restricting external visitors to our school sites to essential visitors only
- Enabling home working for all staff who are in the at-risk group in line with the guidance that states that these groups should now minimise social contact. We have made adjustments to ensure that we can continue to provide safe and satisfactory provision.
- Contacting all parents of at-risk pupils to discuss the measures we need to take, if you believe your child is in one of the at-risk groups (see the links below) and we have not contacted you then please contact the school directly
- All lettings of our building have been cancelled considering the guidance to avoid social contact.

Yesterday the guidance changed to state that whole families should self-isolate for fourteen days if one member of the family presents with symptoms, the key symptoms are:

- A high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

The new guidance outlines that:

- Individuals will still be asked to self-isolate for 7 days from the onset of symptoms
- Other individuals in the same household will need to self-isolate for 14 days from the moment that the first individual experiences symptoms
- If another member of the household develops symptoms, they must not leave the home for 7 days from when the symptoms started

If your child is sent home from school as they are displaying symptoms we expect all families to support us in following the isolation guidance given. Children's symptoms may be milder than those experienced by adults therefore they may recover quickly but **should not return to school before the 7 day period. All other siblings should be isolated for 14 days if they are not showing symptoms.**

We are aware that some families have either decided to or have been asked to self-isolate following the advice provided by Public Health England (PHE) because they are displaying

mild flu-like symptoms or are in at risk groups. This self-isolation has been a precautionary measure and **we currently have no confirmed cases of Coronavirus connected with the school** that we are aware of.

Current advice remains in place: no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England. However, please be aware that if staffing levels are compromised due to self-isolation or illness in staff, we may have to close certain classes, year groups or the school if we cannot ensure the safety of all pupils.

The current guidance is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

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

As you know, we have been and will continue to regularly monitor and follow the advice from Public Health England and the NHS. We have heightened our own hygiene measures in school, including regular handwashing by pupils to help prevent the spread of all germs and we would appreciate your continued support in reinforcing this at home also. We have identified a dedicated medical isolation room should anyone develop symptoms while in school so we can help minimise contact with others. Of course, this room will be deep cleaned if it is required to be used.

We have also put plans in place so we are ready to respond should the situation change for the worse, including making schoolwork available online and sending project work home. We will activate our online materials for those in isolation at home over the next two days. **If you do not have a tablet or laptop that your child could use, please inform their class teacher immediately so that we can make suitable arrangements.** Please note that providing materials as well as planning for lessons still going on in school places a considerable strain on the teachers and so we will endeavour to do as much as we can in the circumstances.

We will continue to update you via the school website, text and email.

While we fully appreciate this is a worrying time, please rest assured that we are doing all we can to safeguard the good health of our pupils and our wider school community. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to achieve this.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Hughes

Current Status of Perdiswell Primary School Events

Date	Time	Event	Current Status
*Wed 26th Feb - Wed 1st July		3H & 5RP Swimming	Cancelled until further notice
Tue 17th March		EYR Class Assembly	Postponed
Wed 18th March		EYW Class Assembly	Postponed
Thurs 19th March		School Book Fair	Going ahead
		PTA Mother's Day Gifts	Going ahead
Fri 20th March		3H Orienteering Festival at Bishop Perowne	Cancelled
		EY & KS1 Movie & Munch Night - details are on the PTA website	Postponed
Mon 23rd March		Y4 Trip to the Corinium Museum	Postponed
Tues 24th March		5EP Class Assembly	Postponed
*Thurs 26th March		5RP Class Assembly	Postponed
	2:30 - 3:15pm	Mrs Brooks available for parent appointments, please contact the school office.	Postponed
Fri 27th March		KS2 Movie & Munch Night - details are attached or on the PTA Website	Postponed
Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd April	3:15pm	PTA Easter Egg Hunt - details are attached or on the PTA Website	Going ahead
Fri 3rd April		Break up for Easter	
Mon 20th April		Back to school	
Tue 28th April		2A Class Assembly	TBC
Wed 29th April		2F Class Assembly	TBC
Thurs 30th April	2:30 - 3:15pm	Mrs Brooks available for parent appointments, please contact the school office.	Going ahead