

## Castle Carrock School Response to Coronavirus Pandemic Planning

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The Health and Safety of our school staff and community is of paramount importance at this time. Obviously this is a changing situation, and we are at all times following guidance from Public Health England. However we would like to draw your attention to some immediate changes to school policy.

1. We are keeping visitors to a minimum at this time; meetings will be postponed and information shared remotely.
2. Sports coaching will be cancelled and school trips may be postponed depending on their destination.
3. We are asking parents to refrain from coming into school - Class 1 children will be met at their entrance by staff members.
4. We will be cleaning the school more frequently and will continue to emphasise the importance of hand washing and hygiene with the children.
5. We ask parents to pay attention to government advice regarding 'self-isolation' - any coughs or a fever **must** be taken seriously and children **must** be kept home from school. **Any child presenting with symptoms will be immediately sent home.** During self-isolation we will provide work to be completed, and links to activities that can be completed. Our teachers will endeavour to stay in touch via email if possible.

[You can find further information on the Public Health England site here.](#)

6. We are trying to maintain a sense of normality and routine in school – and you can do the same at home. If you are self-isolating encourage a school-type routine - school work and break times.
7. The children will ask questions and we are answering these with sensitivity and honesty. If you, or your child, are worried please do speak to us. We have also shared some resources for families on how to talk to children about Coronavirus via Facebook and Twitter.
8. The published dinner menu may change - we will always keep you up to date with this but there may be movement regarding the availability of certain foods. Giving the children a healthy enjoyable and warm meal will be our priority - and if you would like your child to switch from packed lunch to ease the pressure on your household just let us know.

As usual we are bowled over by the support and community spirit here in Castle Carrock. It will be a difficult time, but we have the health and well-being of our children and staff at the centre of all we do.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.