



Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Families,

As I am sure that you are aware, the situation regarding the COVID-19 virus in the UK has now escalated significantly.

The number of people within the school community who are self-isolating is increasing daily. This includes members of the school staffing team - some of them because they fall into the 'vulnerable' category, and some because they, or members of their family are displaying symptoms of the virus. For this reason, I want to forewarn you that in the instance of significant staff shortages, for operational and health and safety reasons, the school will either:

- Partially close in the first instance. Parents of affected classes will be contacted through the text system as soon as is possible. This may be at extreme and unavoidable short notice;
- Fully close – only when we do not have enough staff to operate.

It is our intention to remain open for as long as we are able, while maintaining a safe environment for children and staff alike.

The health and well-being of our staff and children is our highest priority. Please note that it is your responsibility as a parent and member of the community to follow the government directive and avoid all unnecessary social contact with others. If any member within a household develops any of the COVID-19 symptoms – high temperature and/or cough, there is now a requirement for **whole household isolation for 14 days**. Should your child become unwell whilst in school, please support us by being available to collect your child at short notice.

Please also support us by **ensuring that the school office have up-to-date contact information**. If your child will not be attending school please notify the office as soon as possible and the absence will be recorded for the full 14 day period – you do not need to call every day. Please also be mindful that, in the interest of limiting the spread of this virus, children and staff will not be able to return before the end of the 14 day period.

In the event of partial or full closure, or in order to support families who are self-isolating, we have updated the 'Our Learning' section of the School Website with some home learning activities. Please go to <https://www.longlawfordprimaryschool.com/page/?title=Learning+From+Home&pid=1038> with a comprehensive list of websites and downloadable resources for each year group. Additional resources will be added in the coming days.

We will continue to update you regularly as the situation progresses. We are in unprecedented times. We have seen some great examples over the past few weeks of amazing community cohesion, support and solidarity. It is important that, during this time of uncertainty, that we continue to support each other over the coming days and weeks. If, at any point, you would like support from the school, please get in touch on 07467 330839, and our school staff will do their very best to help and support families as best they can in the present climate.

Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Claire Stringer  
Headteacher