



ST. DAY & CARHARRACK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

During this challenging and uncertain time for everyone, I am really proud our staff team who have turned up today and created an amazing atmosphere across the school with everyone focused on learning and getting on with the day as calmly as possible. This make a massive difference for our children. Huge thanks to all of you for your continued support.

The school will remain open until we are formally asked to close by the DFE or we cannot staff the safe supervision of children.

I am unable to provide certainties at present, but it is important that we respond to all eventualities in a calm and proportionate manner. Our children require reassurance during this unsettling period. Our school is preparing for a potential closure and in such an event we will continue to provide learning opportunities via our website, which all children know how to access. In addition, learning packs will be sent home including 'off line' learning ideas.

Please ensure we have your up to date email address and contact numbers so we can stay in contact with you.

As a reminder from yesterday's news release, we will be sending children home:

- If you or any member of your family has NEW symptoms, a cough and/or a temperature - **please self-isolate the whole family for 2 weeks.**
- If you have a **confirmed** case of Coronavirus then please inform the school immediately.

We will do our very best to keep you informed as we get guidance. Please keep looking at the school website and check your email.

Please see the latest guidance released last night:

We are advising those who are at increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19) to be particularly stringent in following social distancing measures.

This group includes those who are/have:

- aged 70 or older (regardless of medical conditions)
- under 70 with an underlying health condition listed below (i.e. anyone instructed to get a flu jab as an adult each year on medical grounds):
- chronic (long-term) respiratory diseases, such as [asthma](#), [chronic obstructive pulmonary disease \(COPD\)](#), emphysema or [bronchitis](#)



- chronic heart disease, such as [heart failure](#)
- [chronic kidney disease](#)
- chronic liver disease, such as [hepatitis](#)
- chronic neurological conditions, such as [Parkinson's disease](#), [motor neurone disease](#), [multiple sclerosis \(MS\)](#), a learning disability or cerebral palsy
- [diabetes](#)
- problems with your spleen – for example, [sickle cell](#) disease or if you have had your spleen removed
- a weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as [HIV and AIDS](#), or medicines such as [steroid tablets](#) or [chemotherapy](#)
- being seriously overweight (a BMI of 40 or above)
- those who are pregnant

Full advice here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Please be assured that I will support all families with any decisions you feel you need to make for your particular family and circumstances. Please just pick up the phone or drop me an email so we can authorise all absence. I will totally respect the decision anyone feels they need to make. We must continue to communicate and support each other - as we are - with this daily changing picture.

PLEASE NOTE:

From tomorrow, we will be operating the school day only - from 8.45 am to 3.10 pm. There will be no breakfast club and no FUNZONE provision until further notice.

Against the background of uncertainty, every member of our community must play their part. Children will be reminded to come to school on time and fully equipped for learning. They must respect scarce resources especially those connected to health and hygiene. Staff have been talking regularly with all children and have explained that toilets and other sensitive areas must be treated with the utmost respect.

Our website will be updated with new guidance as we get it and will be the source of information during a closure.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support during this difficult period.

Yours sincerely

Susannah Storey
Headteacher