



16th March 2020

To all Parents and Carers of Chadwell, Deneholm and Stifford Clays Primary pupils:

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing in response to the Government's announcements this afternoon related to the Coronavirus and the new measures they have introduced including social distancing. As an education provider charged with providing a safe learning environment, the health and well-being of our pupils and staff is always our first consideration and we will take all necessary steps to protect our community.

This afternoon's announcements place all schools in a very challenging position. Our three primary schools have 1310 pupils and over 190 staff. All of these families have their own unique circumstances and situations and therefore it is highly likely that our normal provision is going to be significantly compromised over the coming days and weeks. We will, of course, endeavour to provide the best possible education for our children but wanted to be realistic with parents about our ongoing ability to do that as well as we would want to.

Following the Government advice today, if your child or a close family member is in any of the high-risk groups (as outlined below) we will encourage parents to make appropriate decisions about whether to choose to keep your child at home at this current time. The high-risk groups are:

- Those with auto-immune issues
- Those with HIV
- Those with severe asthma
- Those with diabetes
- Those with heart conditions
- Those who are immune-suppressed

The Government have also included the following two groups as a precautionary measure although they are not currently considered to be high-risk.

- Pregnant women
- Carers of highly vulnerable adults in the same household.

We have also issued the same advice to Trust primary school staff.

Should your child be absent from school we would ask that you continue to inform the school office of the absence as if you do not, we must call you to ensure each child is safeguarded and this is very time-consuming.

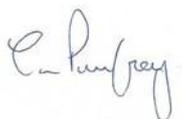
In line with the Governments' latest guidance on non-essential travel, the Trust has also decided to review all trips. Parents of children directly affected by planned, future trips will be contacted as soon as possible beginning with

those with the closest dates. *Please do not contact the school offices about these matters as leaders are working hard to determine postponement, rearrangement and cancellations and we will write to parents as soon as possible. Office staff will not be able to answer questions relating to this for the next 24 hours whilst decisions and arrangements are made.*

I will ensure that as this fast-moving situation develops, I will keep parents as fully informed as possible at this difficult time.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Pumfrey', written in a cursive style.

Ms C Pumfrey

Executive Head Teacher