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"Barnabas, the Encourager"

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for continuing to keep us updated on situations when your child cannot attend school.

The latest guidance from the Director of Public Health in York, Sharon Stoltz, is below:

If one person in a family develops symptoms of a new persistent cough and high temperature the whole family have to go into isolation for 14 days. People are allowed to go out for fresh air and exercise but they are not to come into contact with other people so should avoid public spaces.

Advice is changing from day to day so please keep checking the latest advice.

In school, we are not able to check children's temperatures so if we suspect that children have a high temperature we will have to contact parents to come to collect them as a precaution. If it turns out that your child doesn't have a fever or new persistent cough, they are fine to return to school.

Below are answers to some of the questions we have been asked frequently in the last few days

Can my child come to school with a cold?

If your child is generally feeling unwell (but not with coronavirus symptoms), we would advise that you monitor them at home instead of sending them to school. Once they feel better, and if they haven't developed coronavirus symptoms, they can return to school. If they show signs of a new persistent cough or a high temperature, they should stay at home for 14 days.

Can my child come to school if someone in the family has a high temperature or new persistent cough?

No - the whole family should self isolate for 14 days.

Should I send my child to school if they have or a family member has an underlying health condition?

Parents need to decide what is best for their child according to their individual situation. We will support the decisions that parents make.

Can the school send home work for my child?

Our school website has links to a range of websites to support home learning - online activities, paper resources for you to print at home and suggestions for other learning activities <https://stbarnabasprimary.co.uk/curriculum/learning-at-home/>. Teachers are busy preparing other resources and we will be adding to the links on this website so keep checking. Personal login details for websites that we subscribe to will be sent home by the end of the week. Please get in touch from next week if you haven't got these details.

We will generally only be sending paper based resources to children who don't have access to the internet at home. **Please let us know by the end of this week if you don't have access to a computer or tablet with internet access.**

If your child is currently off school, we can send home additional reading books - please email or phone school to let us know who to send these home with.

If the school has to close, teachers will keep in touch with parents via class dojo so please check that you have an account set up. Let us know if you need the login details for your child. However, please be aware that class dojo is currently experiencing problems.

General updates will be made via the school Facebook page, email or text so it would be helpful if parents joined the Facebook page if not already a member.

Over the coming few days/ weeks staff may be absent as they may need to self isolate for various reasons. We will try to cover classes as best we can and keep learning going as much as possible. There may be times when children go into different classes to usual or are in classes larger than usual. There may also be a need for a partial or full closure if we do not have enough staff to safeguard the children. We will keep you updated.

Many thanks for your cooperation. We understand that this is an anxious time for everyone.

Kind regards

Miss K Boardman

Headteacher