

**Updated – 17/03/20 09.00**

Lostock Hall Primary School has a duty of care to all its students, staff and our wider community. We are following the advice given out by the Department for Health and Social Care and Public Health England. We are monitoring all advice and guidance and will keep this page updated on a daily basis.

On 10<sup>th</sup> March all pupils were given information in assembly about the Coronavirus and about the importance of good hygiene. Pupils should not worry as it appears that the young are the least vulnerable age group. It is important though for them to take precautions so that they do not pass infection to people who may be more affected.

### **Where can I find more information about Coronavirus?**

[The best way to find out about the Coronavirus and the government's response is to Click here](#)

[Specific government advice for schools can be found if you click here](#)

### **Is school open?**

Yes. The current advice from Public Health England is that there is no need to close educational settings or send other learners or staff home. School is fully open for all year groups.

### **What about parents and other visitors coming in to school?**

We are keen to continue to engage with parents but in the weeks up to Easter we will have these discussions on the telephone or through email. Telephone meetings can be arranged in the normal way. Visitors should only enter reception if absolutely needed. The safety of our school community is our main priority.

### **What if my child feels ill? Should they come to school?**

Please follow the NHS advice. Currently this is that you should not send children in if they have a high temperature or a new continuous cough. Under new government guidance issued on 16 March they should stay at home for 14 days. If any other pupils at Lostock Hall live in the same house they should also self-isolate for 14 days.

Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response> for up-to-date guidance.

Please ring school by 8.30am to inform us that your child will be off. It would be helpful if you gave full details rather than just saying that they are ill. If they are self-isolating please tell us that and the start date of their self-isolation. There is

then no need to ring each day unless they need to stay off longer than expected to recover.

**What should my child do if self-isolating while the school is open?**

If your child is well enough to work at home then they should firstly complete tasks on Purple Mash or School Website(Pupil area).

**How will work be provided if school is closed at any point?**

We hope that we do not need to close but if we were closed to some or all years then we have plans in place to set work using Purple Mash. We will provide detailed information before any full or partial closure. It would, however be useful for you to check with your child that they can access Purple Mash and/or the school website (pupil area). If there are any problems please let us know.

Some staff will be sending work packs home too in the event of closure.

**What can I do?**

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

If you are concerned that any members of your family have symptoms linked to the Coronavirus, follow Public Health England guidance.

Keep school informed if there is anything that you think we should know about.

Reassure your child and encourage them to keep working hard and do what they can to support others, especially those in vulnerable groups.