



Dear parents/ carers,

Coronavirus Update

As you are no doubt aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. I am writing to let you know what we are doing in light of this, and what we expect from all of you, to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

I would like to reassure you that we are taking all of the necessary steps to protect our school community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government and Stockport MBC.

What's the current situation?

- The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we have been given.
- All essential school functions continue to run as normal (including FABS, our Breakfast and after-school club)
- Pupils should attend school unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they **should remain at home for 7 days**:
 - a new, continuous cough and/or
 - a temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or higher.
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by phoning the school office before 9.30AM.
- We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation.

What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- If a pupil feels ill on the school premises, we will inform their parent/ carers immediately and isolate the child until they are collected from school.
- Additional monitoring of hand washing is scheduled at specific points of the day and regular reinforcement of hand washing lessons by staff.

What we need you to do

- If you have recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via email admin@st-johns.stockport.sch.uk
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It's a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. [BBC Newsround](#) has regular updates for children.
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we will contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)

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What happens if the school has to close?

We'll only close if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school. In either case, we will:

- Inform parents/ carers via email/ text message and on our website www.st-johns.stockport.sch.uk
- Inform parents/carers in the same way with details regarding when the school will be reopened.

Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

If you have any questions

Please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- [NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's [travel advice](#), if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

Thank you for your continued support in this difficult and ever-changing situation.

Yours sincerely

Patrick Rayner