



# Charlton Kings Infants' School

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Dear Parents,

With the continued advice regarding Coronavirus, I wanted to write to prepare you for any changes the school may have to consider in the coming days and weeks. Please be reassured that we have already implemented increased cleaning measures across the school and continue to promote and encourage all children, staff and visitors to regularly wash their hands throughout the day and use a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes.

Please can I ask that you continue to familiarise yourself with the daily updates and advice on the Gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

If you are concerned regarding your own health or that of your child, please contact 111 and follow their advice. Current advice is that children, parents, staff or volunteers should self-isolate for 7 days (stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others from the point of displaying mild symptoms) if they:

- are unwell with a new, continuous cough OR a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal

In order to mitigate risk, as of today, I am requesting that all parents/visiting adults:

- stay out of the school building as much as practically possible.
- use the school office email or phone number to communicate with us, rather than coming into school unless you absolutely need to.

Should you not get a quick response, please understand that it will be because we are busy supporting our children. Additionally, we will also be seeking ways to avoid the school community coming together in large numbers and at peak times.



These are hopefully short-term measures that will enable us all to stay fit for work and school for as long as possible.

For the moment, we are permitting music teachers, sports coaches and our language teacher to continue to come into school having received a clear understanding of the actions they are taking and will continue to review the situation daily. We will also be continuing with after school clubs for Y2 children as planned, until the end of this week.

With regards to the coming weeks, we have made the difficult decision to postpone both Magenta and Violet class assemblies until next term. We have also made the decision to postpone our planned Y1 trip to Bristol Zoo on Wednesday. We will inform you at a later date regarding plans for our end of term parents evening appointments.

We will also be monitoring the health and well-being of all within our school community and will send children/staff home should they demonstrate these symptoms during the school day. We recognise that this may impact upon our staffing levels over time and that this in turn, may affect the day-to-day running of the school. If or when we find ourselves in this situation, the following actions may be taken:

- Re-deploying staff throughout the school
- Condensing classes together with shared staff
- As a last resort, closing certain classes/year groups

Our aim will always be to ensure that the school can remain open as long as possible.

In order to ensure that we can continue to keep you informed of updates and plans, please ensure we have your correct email address and that you are checking your emails regularly. Any amendments to your contact details should be sent to: [secretary@ckis.org.uk](mailto:secretary@ckis.org.uk). We will also be updating our website with useful information regarding home learning opportunities for those pupils who are self-isolating during the coming days. Please do contact us if you/your child are unable to access information from our school website.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support during this time, it is hugely appreciated. Whatever challenges we may face in the next week or so, I feel confident that we will meet these together.

Kind regards



Katie James  
Head teacher