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PURLEY OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL
NURSERY and CHILDREN'S CENTRE
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Dear parents and carers,

UPDATE: CORONA VIRUS / COVID-19

As you will be aware the situation regarding Coronavirus is changing on a daily basis.

At Purley Oaks we are taking action to limit the spread of all illnesses in support of the government strategy to contain Coronavirus as soon as possible.

At this point our focus areas continue to be general hygiene and information sharing about Coronavirus.

We are following government advice and have regular communications from the local authority and Public Health England (PHE).

At the moment the school will not be closing.

Following yesterday's announcement, schools with a confirmed case of Coronavirus have been instructed by Public Health England to close their doors whilst cleaning and/or isolation is completed. Should we encounter a confirmed case, we would be required to follow these instructions. So far, this is not the case.

Please check Weduc regularly for the latest updates.

We would like to alert you to the key information on the following pages.

Telephone: 020 8688 4268
Email: admin@purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk
Website: www.purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk



1. HANDWASHING

We are asking all pupil, staff and visitors to wash their hands regularly with soap for at least 20 seconds. We are raising awareness about handwashing with all the children in class.

We ask that children wash their hands in the morning prior to leaving for school.

Whilst at school, they will be washing their hands at the following times:

- On arrival at school
- After using the toilet
- After breaks and sporting activities
- Before any activities such as the preparation of food
- Before eating any food
- Before leaving school at the end of the day

“Catch it, kill it, bin it”

We continue to encourage the use of tissues and remind pupils to dispose of these after use and wash their hands. Any donations of tissues would be greatly appreciated.

Increase in cleaning routine for “touch zones”

We have instructed our cleaners to take extra time when cleaning frequent touch zones such as tables, chairs, door push pads, handles, handrails, light switches, toilet flushes and taps.

2. SCHOOL EVENTS, TRIPS AND EVENTS

We are cancelling all assemblies, school trips and visits, sporting matches, swimming, PTA events etc. with effect from Monday 16th March until further notice. We will not be taking children on public transport. You will receive further information in due course.

THIS INCLUDES THE CHOIR VISIT TO THE FAIRFIELD HALLS ON MONDAY WHICH IS NOW CANCELLED.

The BOOK FAIR will go ahead today ONLY in the hall today after school. It will be cancelled on MONDAY.

Clubs held in school will go ahead as normal unless we inform you otherwise. The school office will send out communication when we have more information.

3. VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

With effect from Monday 16th March we will be asking all visitors to the school to sign a declaration confirming whether they:

- have had any symptoms of the Coronavirus,
- had contact with anyone who has had symptoms or
- have visited an affected country.

They will be escorted by a member of the office staff to wash their hands before they are permitted entry to the school premises.

4. PARENTS

We ask that from Monday 16th March **no parents or carers enter the school building** unless specifically invited to by a member of school staff. You will understand that this will help us limit the spread of infection as much as possible and keep everyone safe.

If your child's class is on one of the lower floors you will be able to drop them off **at the door** from when the gates open at 8:30am. This will also make it easier and allow more time for all the children to wash their hands properly.

Parents and carers should not enter the classrooms.

Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should line up in the playground as normal.

5. OVERSEAS TRAVEL

We ask that parents are open and transparent about recent overseas travel in order to keep the whole school community safe. You may be aware that advice for travellers from affected areas has recently changed and it has come to our attention that this may have affected children and families returning from holidays taken before, during and after half term.

We also ask that you share any plans for overseas travel for the Easter holidays.

Please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher.

We appreciate each family will make plans appropriate to them but clearly any pupil/family returning from an area whose status changed during their visit may be asked to isolate for two weeks.

OTHER INFORMATION

The school have already taken measures to prepare learning resources so that teaching and learning can continue should the school have to close. We will provide parents with further information when we can.

If you, your children or other close family member experience symptoms of the Coronavirus please follow [government guidance](#) and self-isolate for 7 days.

Please see GOV.UK for further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Pupils should continue to attend school as normal, subject to the advice and guidance from PHE. To help prevent the spread of germs and viruses, including Coronavirus, and reduce the impact on NHS services, Public Health England is encouraging everyone to look after themselves by following the advice of medical experts and maintaining good hygiene:

- Always carry disposable tissues and use them to “catch” a cough or a sneeze – then put the tissue into the bin and wash your hands with soap and water, or use hand sanitiser.
- Wash hands regularly, particularly after using public transport; use hand sanitiser if soap is not available. Whilst in school, wash hands regularly, particularly at break and lunchtimes and after sport.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with others who are unwell.

The government is producing advice for schools on this situation, which you can find at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Anyone with a concern, should always refer to [NHS advice](#) for the most up-to-date information about the coronavirus.

Please be aware that this is a fast evolving situation and the government will continue to share any new advice at the earliest opportunity.

There is also further information for the public on the [GOV.UK website](#).

Thank you for your on-going support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Mr R J Griffin
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