

Firthmoor Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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We are very aware of the heightened concerns regarding the current situation around Coronavirus, therefore we wanted to write to you to give you some reassurances about your child/ren at Firthmoor Primary School.

School is operating as normal and lessons are being taught as per the National Curriculum. Breakfast Club remains open.

We are continually checking and adhering to guidance issued by the Government, Department for Education and Public Health England. We are in daily contact with colleagues at other Darlington schools and outside agencies, sharing good practice as to how we can help and advise families. Further information is available within the government guidance – stay at home guidance for households with possible Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>).

School cleaning staff have implemented further rigorous antibacterial cleansing routines, and handwashing facilities are widely available throughout school. Children are frequently reminded to wash their hands. We have provided hand sanitising gel in every classroom for pupil and staff use. In addition to this, you may provide your child with a 'personal use' bottle of sanitiser.

Following the Government's advice about 'social distancing', we have decided to postpone the upcoming parents' evenings. You will receive a written progress report before the Easter break.

We will be issuing any further information and guidance to you using our **text messaging and email service** and **school website**. In order to receive such updates from us, **we require you to have a ParentPay account containing a valid mobile phone number and email address**. If you have already created a ParentPay account but have forgotten the password, go to the log-in page and click 'forgotten my password' and you will be sent an email with a link to reset it.

If you have not yet set up a ParentPay account, please contact the school office for your activation codes.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your continued support and cooperation and, once again, reassure you that we are doing everything possible to ensure your child is safe and healthy whilst in our care.

Yours faithfully



A Dixon
Headteacher

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