



Coniston Primary School

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the general news over the weekend, we will be tightening up systems at school to keep everyone well and to enable us to keep school open for as long as possible.

We will continue with the measures introduced over the last two weeks regarding hand washing and general hygiene but in addition to this we will be:

- Asking any parents or visiting professionals coming into school to sanitise hands on entering and before leaving. The office will sign everyone in and out.
- Restricting other visitors/volunteers coming into school to minimise risk.
- Cancelling all sports matches with other schools until after Easter. However, please note that at present after school Sports Clubs WILL go ahead.
- Not holding assemblies where children are sitting closely together for an extended period.
- Bringing in new measures to protect children in dinner hall

In these uncertain and ever-changing times, we are having to make decisions which minimise risk but that are reasonable and balanced. These will continue to change on a daily basis so please be patient with us.

The official guidance as to whether your children should attend school is that if children have a fever or a continuous new cough they should stay at home and be isolated for fourteen days which will mean not going out at all. If one member of your family has had to self-isolate but other members have no symptoms they would also have to isolate at home for fourteen days. You will need to make a judgement about this and check your children's temperatures if you are in doubt.

Can all children please wash their hands before leaving home and we will ensure children wash their hands before coming home. It would also help if children could, as far as possible, have the correct change for toast/fruit. It would reduce the need for handling coins and then eating snacks.

I would like to thank you again for your calm and balanced approach to this situation. School really is one of the safest places children can be at present. If you do choose to isolate yourself and your family, children should not be out at all.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Walters

