



Wednesday 18th March, 2020

Changes in School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Because of the disruption being caused by the Coronavirus outbreak, we are having to make drastic changes within school.

As it stands at the minute, no member of our community has been diagnosed with the virus, but guidance around self-isolation and social distancing have led to both pupil and staff absences. For this reason, the following will apply:

- There will be no swimming until further notice.
- ALL after school activity clubs will be cancelled from tomorrow (Thursday 19th March).
- Early Bird and Night Owls will be on as normal. Please ring the office if you wish to add your child to the register for these.
- Work is currently being sent home for children who are self-isolating or are social distancing because of an underlying health condition. This is taking some time, so please bear with us.
- Parents' Evenings in April will be rearranged for later in the year.
- All upcoming trips will be postponed.
- If staff numbers drop any further, there will be partial closes. This will begin with Nursery and eventually work up from Reception, through to Year 6.

WE WILL BE POSTING REGULAR UPDATES ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE (www.abbott.manchester.sch.uk) AND FACEBOOK @AbbottCommunityPrimary

Please see overleaf for the advice posted yesterday.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Wilson

**IT IS VITAL THAT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL – PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NO HOLIDAYS ARE TO BE TAKEN DURING TERM TIME.
NO AUTHORISATION WILL BE GIVEN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**



Latest Government Advice (17.03.2020)

The Government's advice is for schools to remain open. It is felt that schools are the safest place for children at present.

If one person in any household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days.

Any pupil with an underlying health condition (listed below) should stay at home, even if they are showing no symptoms.

- chronic (long-term) respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis
- chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
- chronic kidney disease
- chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis
- chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), a learning disability or cerebral palsy
- diabetes
- problems with your spleen – for example, sickle cell disease or if you have had your spleen removed
- a weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as HIV and AIDS, or medicines such as steroid tablets or chemotherapy

Please follow the guidance on social distancing: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people?fbclid=IwAR1Q4eZBjdfS9WhdCxy2mbMRPIllw1G-j-eTnkohhtwe4aDZjoZUoLL8XNI>