



ASQUITH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY
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Dear Parents/Carers

Following current government guidelines Asquith Primary School will remain open. However, and along with many other schools, in order to keep the children and staff as well as possible we will be putting in place the following measures with immediate effect;

- Visitors into school will not be allowed unless essential. This includes Agency staff and Local Authority Staff.
- **Parents will not be allowed into school, unless essential, by prior agreement with the headteacher.** Those children whose particular needs mean they already have a transition plan in place at the start and end of the school day will have already had contact from school about ensuring their plan can still be fulfilled.
 - **Children in Nursery – Nursery is closed from Wednesday 18th March** for the foreseeable future. This is to enable staff to support elsewhere in school as we have staff who are unable to attend school due to self-isolation.
 - **Children in Reception** should be handed over to school staff in the Reception playground area. At the end of the school day staff will hand the children back from the Reception Playground door.
 - **Children in KS1** will be collected from the playground by their teacher at 8.45 each morning. Children (and parents) will need to congregate as follows;
 - **1S** – under the covered area next to the Community Room
 - **1R** – by the stage
 - **2B** – under the covered area on the KS2 playground
 - **2K** – By the carpark gate on the KS1 playgroundEnd of day arrangements will remain the same.
 - **Children in KS2** will come into school as normal and end of day arrangements will remain the same.
- **All meetings and activities in school involving parents/Carers are cancelled until further notice.** This includes parent's evening, Stay and Play, parent workshops, Bingo Evening, Lifesavers etc.
- **Visits out of school will be postponed or cancelled for the foreseeable future.** The only exception to this will be the weekly swimming lessons for 3/4S.
- **All clubs will be cancelled** with immediate effect.

As a school we are proud that we have an open door policy for parents/carers and we do not take these decisions lightly, however, the unprecedented nature of the current situation means that we must, and we ask for your support and cooperation in this.

Until, and if, the government decides that schools must close we will do our best to remain open. Clearly staff and their family members are as open to risk as everyone else. Inevitably staff, children,

and parents/carers will need to self-isolate and we will daily have to reassess our ability to manage the number of children we have in school.

Please ensure that you are aware of any updated guidance regarding COVID-19. **As of today anyone who has a high temperature (37.8+) and/or a dry cough must self-isolate for 14 days, along with ANYONE they live with.**

We recognise that people are anxious and concerned. We are always happy to talk over the phone and if there is any support or advice that you need please do ask. We will be contacting families whose children are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) to offer any possible support around food provision.

We are preparing tasks and activities for you to do with your children at home. When we close these will be sent out and we will make them available to children already at home. There will also be links and suggestions on class pages on the website. More details will follow if and when the school closes

Yours sincerely



Clare Harding, Headteacher