



# Catshill Middle School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Re: Coronavirus (Covid 19)

All schools receive daily updated advice from the Department for Education which we are required to follow. To minimise spread of infection, we have provided hand sanitizer to all classes and are being extremely vigilant about handwashing. The school cleaners are working very hard to ensure that, at the end of each day, we are thoroughly cleaning the school.

If you'd like to see the guidance for educational settings, you can find it here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Following the latest Government advice, we ask that anyone with a new 'dry' cough and/or temperature should self isolate for 7 days. This is the case for our staff as well so class teachers/teaching assistants may change if we are affected by absences.

The current advice is that schools should stay open, if the school is directed to close (and this decision can only be taken by Public Health England or the Government), we are planning to provide remote learning opportunities and these will be available on our school website.

In order to minimise risk and to be proactive about infection control, I have decided to postpone all events which would see groups of visitors (including parents) visiting the school until further notice. I am sure you can appreciate why.

Please be prepared for further changes. We will keep you updated by letter/text (please ensure we have your up to date contact details).

Please keep an eye on:

- Twitter (@Catshillmid)
- Epraise (<https://www.epraise.co.uk/index.php?school=catshillmiddleschool&login=>)
- "Letters to Parents" section of our website (<https://www.catshill-middle.worcs.sch.uk/parental-information/letters-to-parents>)

Yours faithfully

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