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Dear Parents / Carers

Good morning, following yesterday's statement from the government I thought that I would update you with how this affects us all here at Northchapel Primary.

Schools currently remain open and will aim to do so until advised by the Department for Education and Public Health England.

However, following the latest government announcement, there has been a change to the advice on self-isolation and vulnerable groups.

If you and your child are well, please continue to come to school.

If you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms then all members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days.

The symptoms are: a new persistent cough and/or a high temperature.

The following groups are also requested to remain at home.

- Age >70
- Adults who are eligible for a free flu vaccination due to a long-term health condition
- Those who are immunocompromised

Clearly, this may potentially place challenges to staffing structures and we will continue to update you should we be affected by this in the coming days and weeks.

For further information, please [visit the West Sussex County Council website](#) - which also includes links to the latest government advice or contact the DFE

**Helpline 0800 0468687**, which is operational 0800-1800 Monday-Friday to answer your queries. You can also email [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)



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The latest advice and information about the virus and the situation in the UK can be found on:

- the NHS website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- the government website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-forthe-public>

This is a fast-moving situation and we will continue to update when we have more information. I will follow up this letter with information about our school activities and events.

Yours sincerely

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