

17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Lydalls Nursery School and Chameleon Club

The guidance regarding actions to take during the coronavirus pandemic is changing quickly and this letter is to update you about protocols and what is happening at Lydalls, following the Prime Ministers daily briefing yesterday (16th March).

The NHS overview on Coronavirus can be found here:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please refer the letter dated the 13th March for further guidance, which remains relevant, except for that in line with new coronavirus (COVID-19) advice, you must now stay at home and self-isolate for **14 days** if you, or any member of your household have:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough

Please do not enter the nursery if you have these symptoms.

There are currently several Lydalls pupils and staff self-isolating due to coronavirus symptoms of a new persistent cough or high temperature for either them or someone they live with. In one of these instances, a case of coronavirus is suspected within the household and medical advice has been sought.

In addition it is particularly important for people with the following conditions to practice social isolation. We strongly recommend that if you are in the following groups, that you DO NOT enter the nursery:

- are 70 or over
- have a long-term condition
- are pregnant
- have a weakened immune system

You can find more information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>



At nursery, in addition to the increased handwashing described in my last letter, we have taken the decision to remove playdough, sand and water play until further notice.

We have not yet had any parent come to identify themselves as being in a front-line or essential service role (e.g. medical staff or emergency services). If this does apply to you and you would need your child to be in school to enable you to attend work in the event of the school offering a reduced service, we ask that you make yourselves known to the school office no later than this Friday (20th March).

Parent's Evening (23rd march), Transition Meetings, Home Visits and the New Parents Meeting (26th March) have all been cancelled or postponed and we will update you about alternative arrangements in due course. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions or individual concerns.

Yours sincerely

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