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**SUTTON ROAD PRIMARY  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the most recent Government update on Covid 19, we would like to thank you all for your support over the past week and into the coming weeks in trying to keep **as calm and positive** as possible for the sake of all of our children.

Can we also ask that a sensible approach needs to be adopted in making the decision to keep your children off school, or in the event you decide you are self-isolating your family for one of the reasons other than you having a confirmed case of Covid-19 in your household.

However, please be aware that a premature decision to self-isolate unnecessarily may create further absence if and when you actually may need to do this during the coming weeks. Can we reinforce the latest Government instructions around when to keep your child off school and/or consider self-isolation:

- **Children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others.**
- **If children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature we will contact parents.**
- **If one person in any household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days.**

In the event your child is absent from school it is essential you inform us of the reason why immediately, so we can take further advice from the Department of Education if required.

Please also be aware that as a school staff we are unable to provide you medical advice as we are not qualified to do so. We can only follow the same guidance above. Further information can also be found at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/urgent-emergency-care/nhs-111/> as advised by Government.

Current advice remains in place that no school should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

Following this recent advice, as a school we are taking the following actions:

- **All school trips that are due to take place before the Easter break will be postponed and alternative dates will be booked as soon as we are able to.**
- **Residential trips will not be cancelled at this time, we endeavour to continue with these trips if we are able to. Decisions will be made nearer to the time.**



- All in school activities where parents are invited into school will be postponed.
- Adventure Club after school on Thursday this week (tomorrow) is cancelled, but all other school run clubs will run as normal this week as we understand the negative impact this can have on childcare for some of you. However, there will be no school run after school clubs running next week from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
- Additionally, please be rest assured that the Explosion breakfast club and after school, run independently by Lucy Winfield, will still open as normal until further notice.

Please can you continue to help us manage the obvious threat of Covid-19 in our community by continuously reminding and talking to your children about:

- Washing hand frequently (and drying them properly)
- Avoiding unnecessary contact (no shaking hands or high fives)
- Avoiding touching faces including mouth, nose and eyes
- Sneezing into their elbow or a tissue (not hands)
- Putting any used tissues straight into a bin

We will continue to update parents as we received more information from the Government or the Local Authority. Please ensure we have your up to date mobile numbers and email so you receive the updates.

Can we remind parents that we are regularly updating the school facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SuttonRoadPrimaryandNursery/> and the school website:

<https://www.suttonroad.org/>

**We have had no confirmed cases at our school or at our partner school Holgate Primary** and they will both remain open as long as possible to support our children and families and as long as required to do so by the Government.

Finally, can we thank you all for your patience and understanding during these challenging times and assure you that we are doing all that we can to support your children, who have all been amazing, very sensible and extremely upbeat so far.

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