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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to update you following the Prime Minister's National Briefing yesterday. The guidance from Scientists and Medical experts has changed and it is essential that we all follow this. If anyone in your household displays the symptoms below, everyone who lives in the household should all stay at home for 14 days.

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

Stay at home guidance from Public Health England can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

This is a rapidly developing and changing situation. We will keep you informed as fully as possible during this time of uncertainty, but our primary aim is to keep every member of our community safe and well. If you are self-isolating at this time and your child is able to do some work, then we would suggest that you continue to read with them and discuss the vocabulary and story/content. Children can also continue to practise basic maths skills such as times tables and mental arithmetic as well as learning their spellings.

On class pages on the school website you will find some other ideas for how you can continue to support your child's learning during any period of absence.

This week we are reminding children how to access the online learning platforms that we use in school. To access these resources, you can follow links on the Home Learning page within the Parents section of our school website <https://menstonprimary.co.uk/parents/home-learning/>. Children already have logins for the relevant websites, but just to be sure, we are sending these home again this week. We have also put step-by-step guidance on how to access some of the platforms on the same page of the website.

We continue to follow the latest government advice and will remain open as long as we have sufficient staff to ensure the safe supervision of our children. Only when we judge that this is no longer, will we consider full or partial closure. If this situation arises, we will try to give as much notice as possible, but you will understand that this may have to be done at short notice.

In line with other schools, we have cancelled off-site trips, sports fixtures and other 'non-essential contact' events for the rest of this term.

Yours sincerely

Iain Jones
Headteacher

Here at Menston Primary School, we are dedicated to safeguarding the well being of all children and adults in the school and expect everyone in our community to share this commitment.