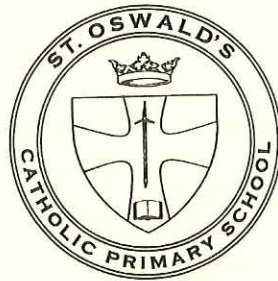




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Dear parents and carers,

I am sure that you have all been following the government advice on how best to protect against corona virus. Schools have daily briefings and the advice is still the same, we do not need to close.

Ensuring children and staff wash their hands throughout the day with soap and warm water is key to delaying the spread of the virus. We should all avoid touching our faces unless we have just washed our hands. Normal soap is absolutely fine.

The government has announced moving out of contain phase and into delay phase to try and contain the virus. They are asking anyone who shows certain symptoms to self-isolate for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means they want people to stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

The symptoms are:

A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)

A new, continuous cough

The government has provided additional guidance about when to self-isolate:

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

As an additional precaution, **I have decided to postpone Parents/Carers afternoon next week.** I appreciate that you may have made plans to be able to attend, but I am being cautious and trying to look out for the welfare of the whole community. There are children and adults who have underlying medical conditions who may be at increased risk with additional visitors to school.

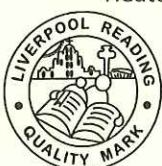
To further reduce the available risks, large whole key stage gatherings, prayer assemblies will now be carried out in classes as will praise certificates. These social distancing measures, should help to reduce any potential risk.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused, once we have additional guidance and the risks are lowered I will rearrange Parents/Carers afternoon

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Walsh

Headteacher



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