

# Maplewell Hall School

## Coronavirus: where we are now

# Objectives

## To understand:

- > The current situation in our school
- > How we can continue to stop the virus spreading
- > What to do if you, or a family member, feel unwell
- > The different possible scenarios
- > Our plans for remote working and continuing education
- > What you need to prepare
- > How to talk to family members



# The current situation

You'll have heard about school closures in the news and may be wondering why we're still open

- As of 17 March, the DfE is advising schools to **stay open**
- We plan to stay open unless we're advised otherwise by government, Public Health England, our local health authority or the DfE. It's likely that many of our staff, pupils, parents and others in our community will have to self-isolate in the coming weeks and months
- We understand that you may have caring responsibilities that will affect your ability to work

The designated person for all coronavirus enquiries at our school is Mr Brooks

# How we can stop the virus spreading

We know you know this already, but don't forget...

- > If you or pupils need to cough or sneeze:
  - > **Catch it** with a tissue
  - > **Bin it**
  - > **Kill it** by washing your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser
- > **Wash your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser**, and make sure pupils do so too:
  - > After breaks and sport activities
  - > Before eating
  - > After using the toilet
  - > On arriving at school
  - > Before going home



# What happens if a pupil feels unwell

## At school ...

We will contact home **immediately** if a pupil has a:

- > **New continuous cough, and/or**
- > **High temperature**
- > School leaders will carry out the necessary next steps
- > The isolation room for pupils or staff who develop relevant symptoms while at school is Woodland View.

## At home ...

- > If you have these symptoms, or anyone you live with has these symptoms, you must **stay at home for 14 days**
- > It would be helpful if you could let school know of the absence

# Different scenarios

## We're preparing for a range of scenarios ...

1. **We stay open:** we continue as we are until the DfE, Public Health England or our local health authority tells us otherwise, or it is simply not possible to do so
2. **Skeleton school:** we stay partially open and operate as a 'skeleton school' in the event of high staff or pupil absences, or we stay open only for the children of keyworkers (e.g. public sector employees). We continue education for pupils remotely and some staff will work from home.
3. **Full closure:** all staff work from home and we continue education remotely as much as possible

We will let you know if our current situation changes

# Our current plans for these scenarios ...

## Remote working and continuing education

- If students are at home (because we close, partially close or self-isolating but well enough to work) our remote working plan will start
- If we're operating as a 'skeleton school' in the event of high staff or pupil absences, or we stay open only for the children of keyworkers, our plan is to have a bank of staff who come into school to educate those children.
- Our plan for continuing pupils' education is to use plans for remote learning using online platforms. We would also allow students to take additional books home to read.
- We will call to check that everything is okay at home from time to time

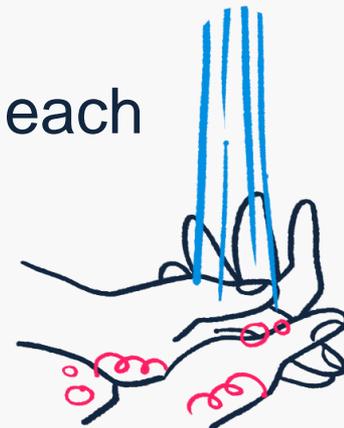
# Advice

- We will be keeping you updated as and when the situation changes. If you have questions or queries about coronavirus, please keep checking the school website and sign up for Weduc and follow national guidance. We will provide regular updates.
- Talk to children about handwashing and good hygiene
- Talk to children about coronavirus in a calm and age-appropriate way, using reliable sources
- If you hear people spreading rumours or misinformation about coronavirus, challenge it
- Please look after yourselves and your community

# Summary

- Continue to practise good hygiene and handwashing
- Mr Brooks is our designated person in school for all coronavirus queries
- We're preparing for a range of scenarios
- We're doing everything we can to support our school community and continue education
- We are preparing for students working from home and remote learning
- Reassure children
- This is a difficult situation: support and look after each other.

Mr Brooks (Headteacher)



# Sources and additional information

- [COVID-19: guidance for educational settings](#)  
GOV.UK – Public Health England and Department for Education
- [COVID-19: stay at home guidance](#)  
GOV.UK – Public Health England
- [Coronavirus: your questions answered](#)  
BBC Newsround
- [Key facts](#)  
CDC