

# Somerford Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the Prime Minister's announcement last night, I am writing with an update on the advice we have been given and the action taken in school.

- If anyone has a new, persistent cough or a fever (temperature of 37.8 or above) the whole household must self-isolate for 14 days
- Pregnant women are advised to stay at home for twelve weeks
- People in high risk health categories will be advised to self-isolate for 12 weeks.
- Anyone over 70 is advised to stay at home
- Everyone should stop non-essential contact with others and all unnecessary travel

As a result of this, we have taken the following action:

- All whole school assemblies have been cancelled
- All visitors to the school have been postponed
- All training outside of the school has been postponed
- The Year 4 residential to Leeson House has been cancelled (a letter will follow to affected parents)
- The Easter Services at High Cross Church have been cancelled
- Next Monday's swimming for Year 3 has been cancelled
- Parent Consultations have been postponed
- Vulnerable or affected staff are following advice and are not at school
- We will send home any child with either of the symptoms (and their siblings if applicable)

We will not be providing work for any child not attending as we are working on a reduced staff team and our priority is the health, safety and education of the children and staff in our care. However, we are building a home learning page on our website ([www.somerford.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.somerford.dorset.sch.uk)) where you can access learning suggestions and web links.

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I would like to reassure you that we have had no confirmed cases in school and therefore no deep chemical clean is necessary. We are, however, working closely with our cleaning company to ensure additional touch point cleaning is happening.

We are also working hard to make plans for any closure which includes

- Support packs for children on Free School Meals
- A way of continuing to provide lunches and breakfast for children on Free School Meals
- Partial opening for children of key workers
- Access to home learning and virtual contact with teachers

I am sure you understand we are trying to navigate our way through an unprecedented situation and we are following all advice closely.

I value your support and thank all those parents who have asked after me and the staff. Your kindness is appreciated.

I will keep you as informed as I can. Remember – just because it's on Facebook, it doesn't mean it's true!!

Yours sincerely



Mrs H Frampton  
Headteacher