

# Waterside Primary Academy

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## Re: Coronavirus (Covid-19) – New Update

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following the latest update by the Education Secretary and the Government this evening, I would like to reiterate the following:

- We will be opening as usual tomorrow (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020) and on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020.** However, the same information from my letter dated Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 still applies, including families self-isolating for 14 days should anyone in the household develop a continuous cough or have a high temperature. Further guidance about this is below:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>
- Schools will 'close for most pupils' at the end of this week 'until further notice'.** However, we are aware that we may be asked to facilitate a childcare/education service for some children. Currently these children are defined as 'children of key workers, children with Educational Health Care Plans and children who are currently being supported by social workers'. Once more information is available, I will update you with clearer information of what this provision will look like and who will qualify for this.
- We only know as much as you at this stage** - we have not been provided with any further details yet. Therefore, we will update you as soon as possible regarding future plans. I kindly ask that you all avoid calling the office (unless you are reporting absence) as we do not currently have the answers to the questions which you no doubt will have. However, we hope to be able to confirm future plans by the end of the day tomorrow to allow you all time to make the necessary arrangements.

In order to make sure you are up to date with further announcements, please continue to check our webpage dedicated to this: <https://www.watersideprimaryacademy.org/page/?title=Key+information&pid=17>

Furthermore, please can you email the school office should your email or contact details have changed.

**[office@watersideprimaryacademy.org](mailto:office@watersideprimaryacademy.org)**

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your understanding and support during this extraordinary situation. We will continue to do our utmost to support you all during this uncertain time.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Atherton

Headteacher

