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# Lunsford Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Firstly, I want to thank you for adhering to the government stay at home guidance, which remains a key factor in allowing schools to fully open this Autumn.

I am writing to remind you of the important role you play in helping schools to remain open. It is vitally important that you and your family continue to follow Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK as this enables the measures that the school have put in place to be as effective as possible in addressing the challenges presented by coronavirus.

We can all help to control coronavirus if we all stay alert, this means:

- stay at home as much as possible
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly

Please continue to be vigilant for any symptoms, as is recommended for all members of the public. If your child or another person in your household develops COVID19 symptoms, your child should not come into school and they should get tested as soon as possible, we are aware that obtaining a test slot at the moment is challenging, however we have been advised that slots are released every hour so please keep trying.

Can I please remind parents that entry to the school is through the main gate or the gate on the field and exit is via the side gate or the gate on the field, there is no exit through the main gate. We appreciate this may cause some inconvenience, but this system is in place to keep everyone safe. Whilst on the playground please ensure that you are adhering to social distancing guidelines and not gathering in a group of more than 6 people. Younger or older siblings must remain with you whilst waiting for a different drop off or pick up time to avoid children from different bubbles mixing.

## Symptoms of COVID19

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

For most people, coronavirus (COVID19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have [COVID19 www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/testing-and-tracing](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/testing-and-tracing)

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Anyone who lives with a person who has developed any of the symptoms above must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. Stay at home guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-homeguidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid19-infection>

## How to stop COVID19 spreading

These are the most important things you can do to protect yourself and others from coronavirus:

### Do:

- follow the government's rules on social distancing
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

### Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

## Face coverings

If you can, wear something that covers your nose and mouth in places where it's hard to stay away from other people.

There are some places where you must wear a face covering, such as:

- on public transport
- in shops
- when you go to hospital appointments or visit someone in hospital

Important: Some people should not wear face coverings, such as children under 3 and people with breathing difficulties.

Further Information is available at: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/)

Thank you for your support in this matter

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