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The Orchards Nursery School

at

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to explain the measures the Orchards Federation are taking to help contain and delay the spread of the Covid-19 Virus and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We currently understand there are several children or staff with unconfirmed cases of Coronavirus. These have not yet been officially confirmed by Public Health England. We are currently awaiting advice from the DfE and will update parents as soon as we can.

This morning staff have carried out a deep clean of all possible areas and will continue with additional hygiene arrangements.

At the moment all schools will remain open and if you have any concerns about your child's health, particularly if they have underlying health conditions, we would expect that you would make a decision about school attendance.

We are receiving daily updates from the DfE, and, also regularly contacting Public Health England for advice and guidance. We will act on this advice and seek guidance from Health Professionals in all situations.

If the DfE or Public Health England instruct us to close all of our schools, we will ensure that parents have as much notice as possible. We will also ensure that children remain safe and supervised until they are in your care.

We will provide as much information as we can regarding closure and re-opening using Dojo and School Text System and will post information on the Federation and School websites.

If you have any concerns or queries please email: [parents@theorchards.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:parents@theorchards.bolton.sch.uk)

We will provide, where possible, details of online learning materials to help pupils to continue their education. More details will be provided regarding this by each school's head teacher in the near future.

In the meantime, we are keeping the school as clean and hygienic as possible using extra cleaning and handwashing routines.

We are also monitoring the health of our staff.

The Prime Minister has announced a new measure to combat the spread of the virus. We will need your personal engagement to implement this.

Any child with:

1. **New continuous and persistent cough**
2. **Fever or sustained high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)**

**Must self-isolate for seven days.**

**Please keep children as isolated as possible if they, or any family member, exhibit either of the above. Please refer to the 111 guidelines at this website: <https://nhs.uk/covid19>**

Where children display these symptoms whilst in school you will be contacted immediately and asked to take them home to help us to delay the spread of the virus.

Please report the absence in the usual way and be sure to maintain a high vigilance around avoiding contact with others. Children without symptoms should continue to attend school, unless directed otherwise by a health professional e.g. your own GP or NHS 111.

Thank you all in anticipation of your support with the situation at this moment in time.

Yours sincerely *A Feeley*

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