



**WADDINGTON
REDWOOD**
A PRIORY ACADEMY

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Dear parents/carers,

As you are probably aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of 'delaying' the spread of the virus. I am getting in touch to let you know what we are doing in light of this, and what we expect from you, to help make sure our community keeps safe and calm.

I would like to reassure you that at Waddington Redwood our staff are taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and we are continuing to follow official guidance from Public Health England and the Department for Education.

What is the current situation?

- The **academy remains open** in line with current official guidance.
- School events will continue to run as normal – there is no advice to cancel domestic trips and we have put additional risk assessments in place for the visits planned this week to the Cathedral. Some sporting fixtures have been cancelled.
- Children should attend unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they **should remain at home for 7 days**:
 - a new, continuous cough and/or
 - a temperature.
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by calling the academy office on each morning of the absence.
- We will keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation.

What we are doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- If your child is feeling unwell, has a persistent cough or a high temperature then we will contact you and ask you to arrange to collect him/her.
- All desktops, door handles, surfaces and toilet facilities are disinfected daily.
- Children have been shown how to wash their hands and do so when they enter the classroom. Hand sanitisers have also been made available.
- Children have been taught hygiene lessons.

What we need you to do

- If you have recently changed your contact details, please inform the academy office **as soon as possible** via 01522 721156 or email enquiries@redwood.lincs.sch.uk.

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- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It is a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. [BBC Newsround](#) has regular updates for younger children and [YoungMinds](#) has practical steps older children can take to help with worries.
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to.
- We want to make sure that we are prepared for remote learning so check that your child has access to Times Table Rock Stars from home, and let us know if there are any issues.

What happens if the academy has to close?

We will only close if we are either officially advised to do so or we do not have enough staff to run the academy.

In either case, we will:

- Alert you to the closure via e-mail or text and details will also be posted on the academy website.
- We will let you know when the academy will be reopened via e-mail or text and details will also be posted on the academy website.
- In the event of closure, we are planning to send educational packs home and will also post these on the academy website. Y6 will receive SATs revision materials.

Please keep in mind that we are only sending out this information to help the academy community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

If you have any questions please consult the:

- Academy office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue.
- [NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111.
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools and academies.
- Government's [travel advice](#), if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead.

It is a tricky time and I know you are worried about the impact this might have on our community. It is important to keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

Thank you for your continued support.



Fiona Kent
Headteacher