# MILE CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Coronavirus update and school plan

Dear Parents/carers,

As you’re aware, the government’s guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the ‘contain’ phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. We’re getting in touch to let you know what we’re doing in light of this, and what we expect from all of you, to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We’d like to reassure you that at Mile Cross Primary School we’re taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government and Norfolk County Council Children Services.

**What’s the current situation?**

The **school remains** **open**

All school functions continue to run as normal – **Breakfast Club, Teatime Club and After School Clubs**

Please note:

All trips planned have been **cancelled -** Kingswood will continue to the end of the week as planned.

All **parent activities** have been cancelled until further notice.

From tomorrow we would like you to **drop your children at the gate** unless they are in Nursery.

We’ll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation.

**What we’re doing to protect and support children and staff**

If a child becomes unwell at school, we will contact you to come and collect them (as normal).

We are carrying out regular cleaning of high use areas throughout school.

We are regularly getting children to hand-wash -When they arrive at school, before and after break times, before and after lunch.

**What we need you to do**

If you’ve recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible**.

Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It’s a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. [BBC Newsround](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround#more-stories-2) has regular updates for younger children and [YoungMinds](https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-re-anxious-about-coronavirus/) has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety.

Come and collect your child straight away if we ask you to.

**What we need you to do**

If you, your child or anyone you live with has the following symptoms you must follow [guidance to stay at home](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection):

A new, continuous cough and/or

A high temperature

If your child is unwell or is self-isolating, report this as you would normally by contacting the school office on 01603 425186

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Allen