



# Wearhead Primary School

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*"THE SMALL SCHOOL WITH THE BIG HEART"*

*"El Colegio más pequeño con el corazón más grande."*

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Dear Parents,

## Coronavirus Update

I think it is very important that in these very challenging times we do our very best to ensure communication is as good as it can be. I thought therefore, that it would be useful to provide an update on the situation in school at the moment.

In line with government policy school is open and will continue to be open as long as this advice remains in place and there are no issues around staffing levels. If we do need to close with little or no notice we will follow our usual emergency closure plan and will inform parents via the DCC school closure page (<https://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolclosures>). We have currently have no issues with staff absence but, as with anything at the moment, this situation could change with little notice.

We do currently have a small number of children who are at home self-isolating with their families. As far as we have been informed, this is due to an abundance of caution rather than any specific health issues. If you do feel that you need to follow government advice and self-isolate your family for 14 days please let us know via email or phone as soon as possible.

We are currently setting up a system where we will be able to publish work for the children to complete at home where appropriate and I will send more details when this is complete. If you have not provided us with your email address or you have a new or preferred email address please let us know as soon as possible.

You can also find work to support children at home at the site listed below. This reputable and useful site has made their services free for the next month;

[www.twinkl.co.uk](http://www.twinkl.co.uk) - To support you during this period, Twinkl is offering every teacher in United Kingdom access to all Twinkl resources with a One Month Ultimate Membership, totally free of charge. **We're also extending this to every parent and carer in your school** so your pupils can still have access to high-quality learning during any periods of disruption.

Setting this up is really easy to do - go to [www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer) and enter the code

## UKTWINKLHELPS

The Council has asked us to make you aware that some parents in County Durham have received emails stating, 'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported'. **This is not from the local authority, it is a SCAM EMAIL and should be deleted.**

I will update you again when we have any more useful information or government advice changes but in the meantime everyone at Wearhead wishes you well over the coming days, weeks and months.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Hiley  
Headteacher

