

# Harting C. of E. Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Lockdown from 5.11.20

Yesterday evening I received the DfE updates, related to the precautions to be taken by schools in the current resurgence of the pandemic. It followed the advice they sent out just before the half-term holiday. This current guidance indicates that levels of ventilation can significantly impact on the transmission of the COVID virus.

With this in mind, we will be keeping windows ajar during teaching times and ventilating rooms by opening doors and windows widely at intervals through the day. This means that the classrooms will be subject to significant drops in temperature, at times. Please therefore ensure that your child is wearing warm clothes when coming to school and has a coat with them.

Our advice for children is to avoid wearing shorts but instead wear tracksuit bottoms (navy, black or grey) on PE days especially as the weather is now colder. Grey or black trousers are also recommended, instead of shorts, as school uniform. These can be worn by boys and girls. Thermal layers under school uniform may also be a good idea.

We are so aware of the current increase in cases locally. Another request, related to this, is that when talking with staff (even if outside) you do not approach them at a distance of less than 2 metres. If parents wish to wear masks to protect others, they are welcome to do so when on the school grounds.

Staff will now be wearing masks for meetings and in spaces when they are in close proximity with other adults for prolonged times. These additional measures are to make everyone feel safe.

Our hope is that by doing this, we can keep the adults well. We, of course, do not wish children to be poorly but understand that the greater risks are to staff and their good health will enable us to keep the school running.

Thank you to all of you for abiding by all new COVID-related rules. We, as a staff, really appreciate this support as many of us are aware that there are risks in what we are being asked to do.

Best wishes

Fiona Mullett

Headteacher