



# GILBERDYKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Information regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

I want to take this opportunity to update you on a couple of issues to do with Coronavirus.

Firstly, schools remain open but the situation and advice as you know, is constantly changing and being updated.

Secondly, please follow Government Guidelines on 'self-isolation' – if you or any of your children have a new cough and/or high temperature, shortage of breath or indeed any 'flu like symptoms' then the sensible action is to self-isolate.

Finally, please don't worry about your child being absent – if you feel you have to take the Government advice – then do so. As a parent myself I know you must do what is best for you and your family. I support you.

Please however, as always inform school clearly of the reason for absence.

All fellow head teachers are conscious of anxiety levels increasing as this present situation develops. Please remember that self-isolation does not mean that you or your child has Coronavirus. It is a sensible precautionary step, encouraged by the Government to try and help reduce the risks.

Some parents will be in favour of schools remaining open...others will be against. The whole situation is quite incredible and unusual for all of us. I will keep you updated.

Should you have any questions please contact your school on: [gilberdyke.primary@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:gilberdyke.primary@eastriding.gov.uk)

Kind Regards  
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