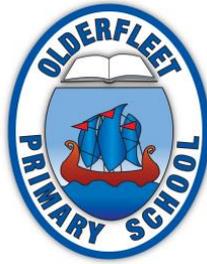


# Olderfleet Primary School



## COVID-19 UPDATE

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are aware there is a lot of uncertainty in schools and the precautionary measures that have been recommended by the Government have changed recently. Therefore, I am writing to you to give you an informed update on Olderfleet Primary School.

We are currently following the advice given to us by the Government and the Public Health Agency. As Senior Teacher at Olderfleet, the health and well-being of pupils, staff and the wider Olderfleet Community is my ultimate priority.

In recent days, a number of families have elected to keep their children at home due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19. I respect and understand the difficult decision these families have made. Elective household isolation has also had an impact on our staff.

After consultation with the Chair of the Board of Governors, we have decided to move two Professional Development days forward. These will now take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. This decision was not taken lightly and I recognise the inconvenience that it may cause.

This time will be used by staff to further develop our contingency plans and to prepare home learning support in the event of long-term closure.

Class teachers will maintain lines of communication via Seesaw and will send correspondence in the coming days. Home learning packs will be sent home today and those at home already can collect their packs from the School Office as we endeavour to support your child's education to the best of our ability.

If the Government decides that schools should remain operational, we will open as normal on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. If circumstances change you will be informed via text and Seesaw.

I would like to thank you for your continuing support in these difficult circumstances and acknowledge the concerns that you have for your family and the Olderfleet Community. Please remember to follow public guidelines, stay safe and look after each other.

Yours in Education,

Ben Harvey  
Senior Teacher