



Yes we can

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Henry Fawcett Primary Coronavirus Update

As you will no doubt have seen, the Government has updated its Coronavirus advice and we wanted to let you know what that means for Henry Fawcett Primary School.

### Information

We understand that this is a difficult time for everyone, and we want to make things as clear as we possibly can. However, schools do not currently have any more information than is available from Public Health England. We *do not know* if, or when, schools might be closed down. We are following all guidance from Public Health England that relates to schools.

### Communication

The situation is changing daily, and we need to be able to keep parents informed. **It is vital that you have signed up for our Parent Mail system**, and that you are able to access the messages. This is how we will tell you about any changes or school closures, and keep in touch during any closure. Please also make sure that we have up to date telephone contact numbers.

**If you do not have access to your Parent Mail account, please see the school office immediately.**

### Attendance

The current status is that the school is open as usual. We are trying to keep things as normal as possible for the children, while taking extra care about hygiene. At present, swimming lessons are continuing as normal since the chlorinated water does not present any additional risks.

Please follow the Public Health England advice about whether your child should attend school. **The current advice is to stay at home if you have a new and continuous cough and/or a high temperature of 37.8 degrees or more. Please take this advice seriously to protect the most vulnerable members of our community.**

We do understand that many families are anxious about the risk to themselves or close family of contamination. If you decide to keep your child at home for Coronavirus related reasons, please let us know by telephone or ParentMail.

### Staffing

It is possible that members of school staff may need to self-isolate at some point over the next few weeks. If we have staff absences, we will keep the school open wherever possible, but may need to make changes to timetables, lesson content, class grouping and other arrangements.

### School Closure

It is possible that all or parts of the school will have to close. This could be as a result of a government decision, due to staff shortages, or due to confirmed cases at the school. If this happens, we will inform families using Parent Mail. Pupils will be provided with some suggested activities to complete at home, although this will not be able to fully replace regular classroom teaching. We will continue to communicate with children using Parent Mail during a closure.

### Support

If the school building is forced to close, key members of school staff will still be contactable via telephone and email. We will still be here to support our families. You can speak to the office staff about Foodbank vouchers.

