

13th March 2020

Dear Parents,

### **Coronavirus Update**

Following advice by the Government yesterday, Pippins Preschool, along with all other local childcare provisions and local schools, will remain open for the foreseeable future. Pippins is receiving updates from the local authority on the Covid-19 situation and we will respond to any further advice that is given in the coming days and weeks in order to protect all the children and staff at setting.

We can reassure all our parents and carers that we are doing everything we can to reduce the risk of infection. Everyone is asked to wash their hands frequently and the children have been joining in with a song about washing our hands and learning about the need to wash our hands regularly and how to do this effectively. Some children used paint on their hands to understand how germs can spread and how we can stop this by washing our hands thoroughly. Please see your child's Tapestry account.

The newest guidelines state that if your child has a temperature of 37.8 degrees or more and/or experiences a **new** continual cough, they should stay in isolation for 7 days. If anyone in your family who has contact with your child, contracts the Coronavirus, then please do let the preschool know immediately. If a child begins to present these symptoms while at the setting then we will be contacting the parent/carer and they will need to be collected, taken home and stay in isolation with you for 7 days. Could we take this opportunity to request that you check with the preschool office that we have the correct contact numbers on record for you.

Please follow this link for any further information. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Kind regards

Mandy, The Pippins Staff Team and Pippins Preschool Management Committee