



# Hilltop Primary Academy



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Dear parents/carers,

Firstly, I'd like to express my gratitude for only using Hilltop for childcare when it was absolutely necessary. I feel that we have been able to, where possible, maintain social distancing thus keeping the children and staff as safe as possible. We have continued to be vigilant with handwashing and you will have noticed that all staff and children had their temperature taken before they entered the school. We are trying our best to play our part in preventing this terrible disease from spreading.

Below are some points from our CEO, Andy Reese.

- We appreciate the difficulties of minimising boredom for children stuck in doors but under the present conditions we strongly support the message of keeping children at home and away from socialising with peers. Unfortunately, there are many reports of children continuing to be allowed social contact which counteracts the efforts of schools to reduce spread of the virus by closing. The message is that individuals of any age are at risk and every effort to maintain social distance must be made.
- Research has shown that the virus survives on materials. For example, it remains on plastic for 4 days and paper or metal for 3 days hence the importance of hand washing regularly. In the event of coming into contact with a material which has been touched by someone who has the virus it could easily be spread if hand hygiene is not maintained.
- Evidence from our schools today shows us that the vast majority of our pupils are not in attendance and hence should be at home. School remains open to the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils.
- Please encourage daily exercise even if your children do not have access to an outdoor space- this can be done using many online and youtube channels. There is a daily Body Coach session available live each day from 9am.
- It is vital that pupils do some work from home, if you are having difficulty accessing the work teachers have set please let us know and we will endeavour to support you the best we can. We are making every effort to try and keep children motivated and on track but please do share any good learning resources with each other.





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Please remember we are here to help. You have our contact numbers and emails addresses so although we can't see each other face to face we are more than happy to support virtually!

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Please take care of each other and follow the Government guidelines. We want this phase to be over as soon as possible so we can welcome you all back as soon as possible.

Take care and very best wishes

Mrs Karin Tillet

