**Are your medical and emergency details up to date?**

**11th March 2020**

Dear Parent / Carers

I just wanted to write to inform you that, with regard to the current coronavirus situation, unless we are directed otherwise by the Department for Education or County guidance, Rigby Hall School will remain open.

We will, of course, communicate with you any updates, so you will not need to contact the school to enquire. A guidance sheet is attached.

**For the latest updates, please visit:**

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus>

With this in mind, I would also like to re-iterate the importance of adhering to key health standards.

I urge you to adhere to the Government guidance of keeping your children off school for a period of 48 hours following a bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to ensure that the virus has cleared.

I appreciate you may feel that this is unfair or inconvenient, but, if children come back too soon and are still contagious, bugs can fester and spread in schools. Particularly at this time, we must do the responsible thing to prevent the spreading of germs.

The pupils, as they always have done, are encouraged to regularly wash their hands and use tissues when they have a cold and dispose of these correctly.

In the meantime, keep well.

Yours sincerely

Tracey Smith

Headteacher