



# Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear Children,

You might have heard from your parents or on the news that schools are going to be closed for a while for most children. This is because of a virus called Coronavirus COVID-19. Scientists are working very hard to find out about Coronavirus so that soon there will be a vaccine that will protect people against this virus.

Most people get it mildly and will get better from it. Colds and flu are viruses too. All of us have had a cold before and it whilst it wasn't very pleasant, we have recovered from it. It is normal to feel a little worried but most people who get poorly from it will get better. This is because your body has antibodies that can fight a virus off. We know that children seem to get the virus very mildly.

The Government and Scientists want us to help to slow the virus spreading to lots of people. If we all do our bit to help during the next few weeks and months it will help to slow it spreading. This is why schools are going to be closed for a few weeks.

Don't worry, we will keep in touch and will be communicating with you during this time. Your teachers will be adding learning activities for you on the school website. I am sure that we will discover new and exciting ways to learn during this time. It would be great for you to keep reading as this will allow your mind to think about other things and help your imagination to flourish.

It is important to look after yourself at home and help your body grow strong. For example, by drinking lots of water, eating healthy food, resting and getting enough sleep. Getting fresh air and exercise is really important too. And, yes you should also keep washing your hands for at least 20 seconds!

So many people in our country and all over the world have been very busy at this time. For example, nurses, doctors, delivery drivers, supermarket assistants, scientists, factory workers, your teachers and many more ordinary workers have been working very hard and selflessly. It is during times like this that we truly realise how important others are in helping our society and humanity.

Please try to remember our school values and show friendship, kindness and empathy to others. Always look for the good in others and do what you can to help.

I would love it, if you would write to me and tell me what you have been up to during the next month.

With best wishes

Mrs Otway

**Love Hope Justice**

