



# THE FIGHT BACK

**BRITISH people have been asked to make major changes to their lives in order to fight COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus.**

In the UK this week, Prime Minister Boris Johnson told people to work from home, not to travel unless they need to and to avoid places like cinemas and theatres. As you know, schools are closing too to prevent the virus spreading. They will stay open for children whose parents work in the NHS and other vital services.

People over 70 are at particular risk from the disease. They have been asked to shield themselves from others by staying home alone for 12 weeks.

The good news is that, even among the elderly, nearly everyone survives unless they have other serious health problems already. The illness is



generally mild in younger adults and children, no worse than a cold.

Anyone who lives with someone who has a cough or a temperature should stay at home for 14 days. This is to stop their illness spreading, in case it's caused by the coronavirus.

The virus was first found in China on 31st December. Since then it has spread around the world. Now, countries across the globe are at war with it.

## Questions on: 'The fight back'

1) What is the **name** of the illness caused by the coronavirus?

2) What is the **main** subject of this news report about the coronavirus?

- Advice from the UK Government
- The history of the coronavirus
- How the elderly are affected

3) At the time of writing what was the advice for:

<b>Work</b>	
<b>Travel</b>	
<b>Cinema</b>	

4) Why have elderly people been asked to stay at home as much as possible for 12 weeks?

5) How are most children likely to feel if they get this virus?

6) If anyone in your home gets a cough or a temperature, what should you do?

7) Which **words** make it seem as though we are in a **battle** against the virus?

8) All around the world, people are being asked to make major changes to their lives.

Make a list of interesting, positive and creative things that you can do at home while you are not at school.

PS. *First News* would like to know what you're up to at home – send us your pictures and stories!



# CRAZY PIG POO FIRE

**A GREEDY pig** caused a fire at a farm last Saturday, after a very strange chain of events.

First, you need to know that one pig on the farm in Yorkshire was wearing a pedometer. This is a gadget that keeps track of the number of steps you take. The pig was wearing the pedometer to prove that the pigs were 'free range' animals and could roam around freely.

But, the trouble began when another pig ate the first pig's pedometer!

It passed all the way through the pig and came out in its poo. That might have been the end of the story, but then the batteries in the pedometer leaked out copper (a metal). This reacted with the pig poo and set fire to the dry hay!



The fire then spread across four pigpens at the farm and firefighters were called to put out the blaze. Luckily no pigs or people were harmed.

If it was the plot of a film, you probably wouldn't believe it.



Firefighters put out the last of the fire. Imagine the smell!

## Questions on: 'Crazy pig poo fire'

1) Where and when did this fire start?

Where:.....  
When:.....

2) What gadget was one of the pigs wearing?

- smartwatch
- pedometer
- thermometer

3) Why was the pig wearing this gadget?

4) What "might have been the end of the story"?

5) In **four** steps, explain how the fire started.

1: ..... 2: .....  
3: ..... 4: .....

6) What is a "chain of events"?

7) What **three** substances, or materials, caused a fire when mixed together?

1: .....  
2: .....  
3: .....

8) What **comment** does the writer make at the end of the news report?  
Do you agree?