



17th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Due to the announcements made by the Government last night I thought it was important to up-date you on current guidance regarding the coronavirus outbreak and measures that we are taking in school.

The government are now requesting that anyone who presents with a new high temperature (over 37.8°C) and/or a persistent cough should isolate themselves and their entire household for 14 days. If this applies to your child/family please let us know so we can record it correctly in the register.

Any child who has already started a 7 day isolation following symptoms they have shown previously, should return to school at the end of the 7 days. We are not retrospectively asking families to convert to the 14 days of isolation.

If your child is presenting with other symptoms – sore throat, cold, stomach upset, headache, etc – please just treat these as you usually would, and let your child return to school when they are healthy and ready.

If you have particular circumstances within your family that means one or more of you are particularly vulnerable, please feel free to contact us if you would like to talk through any concerns you may have.

The government still considers schools to be an 'essential service' for the country and are therefore asking us to function as normally as possible currently. We are however, making adjustments to our usual provision in order to keep our children and staff as safe as possible. These include:

- Stopping outside visitors to the school. Many of these things take place during the school day, such as visitors who lead Worship and the up-coming Wellbeing sessions, and these will just be postponed to a later date. But some may impact you at home – **we have cancelled PH Sports After School Clubs (Tennis on Tuesdays and Netball on Thursdays), Football Clubs (Mondays and Wednesdays) and Art Club until Easter in the first instance.**
- Stopping outside trips and visits. We have already cancelled swimming and gymnastics sessions until Easter initially. We had no other school trips planned for this time.
- Stopping any unnecessary social gatherings.
 - Assemblies have been cancelled.

- The FOKS Meeting tonight has already been postponed.
- We will not be holding a KS2 Coffee Morning on Friday (20th March).
- The Spring Class Sharing Worship will be put off until a later date.
- The Easter Service will not take place.
- The up-coming Academy Council Meeting will be postponed.

Many aspects of our daily life and work we are trying to continue with as normal. We have made no changes to break or lunch times. I know that many schools have changed these practices. However we feel that due to our size and limited site, we cannot prevent children from different classes mixing during the course of the day, so it would serve no benefit to alter these routines.

We will continue with Breakfast Club and After School Club as long as we have the staff available to do so. It is important that if things get stretched we make sure that we are focused on delivering our core purpose effectively, and so these clubs could be sacrificed in order to ensure that children are kept safe and learning throughout the school day. **Therefore it is vital that children are booked into Breakfast Club and After School Club in advance through WisePay or by contacting the school office, we may need to cancel at short notice so you cannot assume that they will be running.**

We have had contact with Mrs B's and they are adapting their working practices and ensuring that only healthy staff are preparing and delivering food, and hope to continue working as normal. We will inform you if anything changes in this regard.

Teachers have been asked to post work ideas on their class website page, so if your child is at home for 14 days and is well there are activities that you can do with them. If we move to a position of the school being closed, either forced by a government directive or through a lack of staff, we will make more work available on the website or via email. We will let you know these arrangements at such a time.

Please make sure that you check emails and text messages, those are the means of communication that we will be relying on during these turbulent times.

As ever we are here and wish to support you and your child, so please do come and talk to us about anything that is worrying you and we will do our best to help and advise.

Best wishes,
Lindsey Hermon