

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Coronavirus Update**

I am writing to reassure all parents that we are continuing to closely monitor and follow the very latest information issued by Public Health England with regards to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and self-isolation advice, now we have moved into the 'Delay' phase.

For information on the current guidance and advice please visit the Coronavirus page at <http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/1434/coronavirus-guidance>

I must stress again that the Aspire Health & Safety team has stringent and robust systems in place to ensure that daily cleaning procedures are thorough and effective, and children's personal hygiene routines are being strictly enforced throughout the day by school staff.

St Stephen Churchtown remains open and we are continuing to teach all lessons as normal, until such time government advice changes. Any events that pose no additional risk to staff or pupils will go ahead as planned.

However, our main priority remains to keep our staff and pupils as safe as possible and therefore we have made the decision to cancel any non-essential gatherings in confined spaces. These will include school assemblies, events with an audience, cinema trips, theatre trips etc. For any forthcoming school trips that are cancelled, we will endeavour to transfer tickets to new dates, subject to availability; if this isn't possible refunds will be processed via ParentPay).

It is possible that school closures, or partial closures, will happen in the near future and we are planning for this now. I would ask all parents/carers to please ensure your contact details are up-to-date and notification of the closure of St Stephen Churchtown will be communicated via the usual school communication channels and school website.

You should all now be in receipt of your child(ren)'s login details which will allow remote schooling, should we have to close. Please contact the school office if you did not receive this letter. There is a child login button on the homepage of our website and more information on this will follow shortly.

As the situation rapidly changes, so must our response. We are working hard to ensure contingencies are in place to minimise disruption and I must thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

Lisa James  
Head of School