

27th March 2020

Dear parent/carer

New school contact telephone number and information about Out of School Club

As I mentioned last week, we need to change our telephone number. This is because our current feature-net system is being phased out. Sadly, we cannot keep our existing number. Our new number from tomorrow will be **0191 917 0004**. We have been promised that until 31st March, the old number will be redirected but please can everyone use the new number from tomorrow if you need to contact the school. Remember the enquiries@hsps.org.uk site can also be used.

Holystone Out of School Club

You may hear that the Holystone Out of School Club is closing its doors – it is, but please do not be alarmed, this is only for the period of the school closure and Joanne fully expects to be back up and running when we all return.

Key Workers and childcare provision

We continue to offer emergency childcare provision for a small number of key worker's children as we help to support frontline staff in the fight against Covid19. Keeping our registers up to date has been a challenge as things continue to change at a pace. We have written directly to all those who remain on the current registered and approved list regarding their requirements for next week. If you have not received that email today but believe you should have, please can you ring the school office today and we will look into this for you.

Online resources

Sadly, at this point we cannot provide individual families with hard copies of the online resources. Many of the websites provided offer resources which are online activities and do not need to be printed, other activities can be simply recorded in a notepad. We are now looking at other possible technology solutions for future uploads of activities – in the meantime North Tyneside have produced an excellent webpage with a whole range of activities, including some brilliant daily PE activities and a virtual educational visit each day - <https://nteysis.org.uk/home-learning/>

Annual Decorated Easter Egg Exhibition

This is usually one of our highlights of the year, so let's not let the Coronavirus stop us. We are going to use our Twitter account to host a virtual exhibition next week. We will tweet an Easter image next Thursday. If your family would like to be involved, then either reply on Twitter directly with a photograph of your family entry in the comments section or email a photograph to us by Thursday lunchtime and we will upload it for you. The theme for this year's decorated Easter eggs – Children's movie character(s).

Yours sincerely



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