



**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Re: Coronavirus Update – Cancellation of additional activities and school closure procedures**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are sure you appreciate the advice surrounding the Coronavirus is constantly changing. Schools across the authority are being encouraged to consider the cancellation of all unnecessary activities. As such we write to advise you of the following actions being taken by St John's C.E. Primary School.

We have considered the events currently planned up until the Easter holidays and will review events after this time when we are better informed to make appropriate decisions. We appreciate everyone needs to be able to plan appropriately at this time and have therefore tried to give as much prior warning as is possible at this time.

**Events that are now cancelled:**

- God and the Big Bang Workshop for Year 5 and 6 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- Year 5 and 6 Netball tournament Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Stockport Town Hall Choir concert on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Parent View Forum Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March
- PTA Cinema Event Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March
- Nantglyn Information Evening for Parents Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March
- Year 2 Class Assembly Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March
- Easter Service Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at St John's Church
- Year 2 Bake Sale Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Extra Curricular Activities:**

- Steel Band will cease as of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March due to Mrs Dougal self-isolating.
- Teacher led clubs will end as of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March
- At present, Primary Sports Coaches intend to continue their clubs, with a number of measures in place to reduce the risk of spreading the virus
- Miss Smith's Year 6 booster groups for SATs will continue until further notice

**Assemblies:**

- Unfortunately, we are no longer in the position to invite parents, carers and grandparents to our Family Assemblies. We intend to keep them going to ensure the children still receive their awards and will do all we can to minimise the risk of spreading infection. We believe during these difficult times some consistency is important for the children.
- During the week there will continue to be a daily act of worship for the children. However, we will be doing these in smaller groups to reduce the risk of spreading infection.

May we remind you of the new guidelines that now apply. If you or a member of your household have symptoms of Coronavirus, the entire family is required to be in isolation for a period of 14 days from the first day that symptoms

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began. Further information can be found on the Public Health England website. Should you need to take this course of action, please ensure you let the school office know that this is the reason for your child's absence, in order that we can fully monitor the situation within our school.

In order to be able to allow for the smooth running of the school, we are unable to offer variations in the daily timetable for individuals and would expect that if children are well enough to attend school then they participate in the full timetable of activities for their class. We understand that parents and children may have concerns over certain elements of the school day, but wish to reassure you that we are acting in accordance with all the advice being shared with schools.

Current guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE) remains that schools stay open; however, it is possible that this advice may change as the spread of Coronavirus continues. If we are required to close our school, we will take the necessary steps to ensure you are informed of the closure and that the effect on pupils' education is limited.

In the event that we do close the school, you will be informed via the School Spider APP and email and advised, where possible, on how long we expect the closure to last. Please check that you have provided us with your most up to date contact details to ensure you receive any correspondence regarding a closure. If you need to provide us with updated details or need assistance in operating the School Spider App please contact the school office.

The Senior Leadership team and staff have been busy preparing for a full or partial closure which may come about due to a directive from the DfE or due to the school not having sufficient staffing levels to open.

Should the school close it would be our intention to provide work for the children using the school website (on the class pages) as a portal for the work to be uploaded. We would provide an outline of ongoing work but also specific tasks using the technology built into the school website to encourage interaction between children and staff where possible. Staff will be having their training updated in the coming days and the children shown where to find any such work. Should you be unable to access the internet at home please communicate this to us before any such closure occurs.

In the meantime, we continue to implement additional health protection measures and follow the relevant advice issued by the DfE and PHE.

We fully appreciate the impact that closing school would have on our local community and we are not confirming that school will be closing, we simply want to reassure you that if this were to happen, we are fully prepared to take action.

Your continued support during this difficult and unsettling time is much appreciated as we all work together to keep a calm and considered approach for our children.

Kind regards,

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