

All Saints' Catholic Primary School

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Tuesday 17th March, 2020

Dear Parents,

I would like to update you about the school's position regarding Coronavirus.

School remains open and will continue to remain open until we are instructed to close or our individual situation is unable to support opening.

I would like to inform you of the following:

All after school clubs are cancelled (including Year Six Booster) apart from Tea Time Club which will run until 5p.m. each night (cost of £3 per session) – at present Breakfast Club remains open too;

Weekly swimming lessons will not take place due to staffing ratios;

All football and sporting matches have been cancelled;

The Sacramental Preparation session will be cancelled on Sunday 22nd March;

If any parents bought a ticket for the Year Three/Four Dance Festival, refunds can be given by contacting The Empire Theatre;

A decision regarding the Year Five residential will be communicated with you all by Thursday.

If circumstances arise where the school must close, we will inform you in our usual way which is via text message, our school website and Twitter page. This evening, we will be sending your child home with a pack of work that is to be used if they are unable to access school or school closes. More information will be provided with the pack. If your child is currently absent, you will be hearing from us so we can organise collection/drop off of the pack.

Prevent the Spread of Infection

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

Wash your hands often with soap and water and scrub for at least twenty seconds (or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water are not available);

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;

Avoid close contact with people who are unwell;

If you feel unwell, stay at home and do not attend work or school;

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, place the tissue in a bin and then wash your hands;

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in your home.



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If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111; do not go directly to your G.P. or other healthcare environments. The most recent U.K. government advice (16.03.2020) is that anyone with a new continuous cough and a high temperature or living with someone who is also displaying these symptoms should self-isolate for fourteen days. If you or your children have returned from abroad in the last fourteen days, please follow the link below for advice about Category One & Two countries: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>

As I previously mentioned, we are following the guidance from Public Health England and the DfE but this is being updated regularly in response to the changing situation. We will monitor and follow the national guidance as it is updated and would urge you to do the same. If you or your child has any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. As always, many thanks for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Mrs. F. Stephenson

