



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support, as we work together to respond to the Coronavirus outbreak, to keep our community safe. Although we don't currently have any cases reported in our school, we are putting precautionary plans in place as advised.

The Government has now moved to the 'Delay phase' of its Coronavirus action plan. As from last Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, people (including children) who show symptoms of the infection, however mild, are asked to self-isolate for a period of seven days. Symptoms include:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- High temperature

The current advice for schools is to remain open, however it is possible that we may be in a situation where we have insufficient staff due to the need to self-isolate. Should this occur, we will inform you immediately about the course of action our school will take, it could be either;

- A partial opening for certain year groups
- School closed completely

At the moment we are limiting the number of visiting adults in school, and would kindly ask parents of Y2, Y1 and FS2 children to drop their children off at their classroom door. Children in Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 are asked to go upstairs by themselves through the main door as usual.

We will be cancelling assemblies until after Easter and structured conversations this week for Y2 and Y4. Our Easter service at St Mary's will also be cancelled. Trips that are planned during the next two weeks are going ahead, unless we receive advice to cancel them. Should this be the case, we will inform you as soon as possible.

After school clubs will continue up until Easter at this moment, again should this change we will inform you by the usual lines of communication.

Our children have watched the hand washing song and we will be asking them to wash their hands throughout the day. We will continue to follow Government advice and endeavor to keep you fully informed. At present the advice is to hand wash regularly, please encourage this at home.

Yours sincerely

Cath Thomas  
Headteacher