



17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents

As you will be aware from the news yesterday evening, the government advice has changed significantly in the last 24 hours. From today **if one person in any household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days.** We will be expecting all staff and families to follow this guidance.

Detailed information and advice for the public about what you, and your family contacts, should do can be found [here](#) on the NHS.uk website (and will be regularly updated). There are some very important details in the Stay at Home guidance, including at what point people are able to come out of self-isolation, which can be found [here](#). People do not need to phone NHS111 if their symptoms are mild but should do if their symptoms worsen/if they need medical care, or if symptoms do not get better after 7 days. There is also a 111 online service that people are being asked to use in the first instance, click [here](#). Please call 999 in an emergency

Our absolute priority is the health and well-being of everyone within our school community and we will continue to follow the best advice available in order to achieve this. We recognise that this advice is changing rapidly and we are doing our very best to respond accordingly.

It is our intention to maintain the day to day running of the school as to near to normal as possible - with the addition of more regular hand washing and cleaning. For us, this means that we plan to continue to offer wraparound care, swimming lessons and our after-school clubs. We will however be cancelling all other events that were scheduled this term:

- Easter Church Service
- PTA Film Night and Cake Sale
- KS1 & KS2 SATs information meetings for parents
- Social Media & Mental Health Workshop
- Friday celebration assemblies
- Junior Cranmer Awards

In addition, we need to ask everyone to be mindful of the importance of social distancing and would ask that parents do not come in to the school building when dropping off children in the mornings; Miss Britt and I will be outside on the playground to take messages and Miss Harvey and Mrs Wilson will make similar arrangements for Class 1. At the end of the day; we would also like families to leave the school grounds promptly.

It is equally important at this time that we look after everyone's mental health. The Mental Health foundation have some good advice:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak>



Key points to bear in mind in when talking to children are; that we need to be alert to, and ask children, what they have heard about the outbreak and support them, without causing them alarm. We need to minimise the negative impact it has on our children and explain the facts to them. Discuss the news with them but try and avoid over-exposure to coverage of the virus. Be as truthful as possible. It is important to not avoid the 'scary topic' but engage in a way that is appropriate for them.

The situation we are all now facing is unprecedented and is presenting us all with a whole range of challenges that are completely new. I am very grateful to all the TG staff for their support and commitment in ensuring that we are keeping everyone as safe and healthy as possible whilst maintaining their focus on the children's learning. I would also like to thank parents and families for your support and understanding which is very much appreciated.

Kind regards

Mrs Hendry

