

16th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Following the Trust wide information sent out on Thursday 12th March, I'm writing to update you regarding the situation with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the steps we are taking at St. Peter's CE Academy.

At present, there are no reported cases in the school. The current guidance from the NHS is to stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- A high temperature (over 37.8 degrees) and you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

Please can you inform the school if anyone in your immediate family are affected – we will, of course, authorise any such absences as the self-isolation is in line with government advice.

At all times we will follow the advice and guidance provided by the government and the Department for Education (DfE) with decisions that impact on educational settings. In addition to this, we have also put in place some extra measures in order to:

- Protect staffing levels by having as many healthy staff in school
- Minimise the number of people who come to site to reduce risk
- Minimise the amount of travel our students complete, in and around school hours

Therefore, from Monday 16th March until 3rd April (Easter holidays) the following measures are in place:

Minimising Whole School Community Events within the school

- All assemblies will take place on a daily basis but within the classroom setting.
- Break times will take place in smaller class groups / or year groups at staggered times.
- Lunch times will be staggered across a longer period of time, with small group sizes eating in the hall.
- Free time during lunchtime will be split across the outdoor area and within the classroom setting.

Visitors into school

- Where possible, the number of visitors into the school will be kept to a minimum.
- All visitors will be asked to wash their hands on arrival.
- Where a child may have forgotten an item and a parent drops it off after the gates have closed, the office staff will collect the item from the main gates.
- External sports coaches will continue to lead their extra-curricular clubs after school unless we are informed otherwise.
- NMPAT music lessons will continue to run unless we are advised otherwise.
- The All-Age Service on Tuesday 17th March will be cancelled.

Trips / Events / Sporting Competitions outside of school

The following external trips, events or sporting competitions will either be postponed or cancelled.

- Thursday 19th March – Year 6 Netball festival
- Monday 23rd March – Year 4 / 5 trip to Cadbury World (rebooked for June)
- Monday 23rd March – Year 3 Quicksticks Hockey
- Tuesday 24th March – Year 4 Samba Performance to parents

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- Wednesday 25th March – Easter Experience at St. Peter's Church
- Thursday 26th March – Easter Experience at St. Peter's Church
- Monday 30th March – Easter Service at St. Peter's Church
- Wednesday 1st April – Year 5/6 Netball

Parents' Evening

I'm aware we have already sent the slips home for parents' evening. Please continue to send these into school to inform us of your availability. Further information about these dates and times will be released later this week, but where possible, these will be conducted by telephone instead of a face-to-face meeting.

School Closure

In the event that the school will need to close, we have already prepared a range of paper based and online learning materials for your child to access from home. We will also provide a list of different companies who offer web-based resources for free that parents can use if they wish. Work packs for our current Year 6 children have already been sent home in preparation for the SATs tests later in the year.

We will continue to communicate information via Wisepay, our school website and our social media pages. The email address for each teacher is now available on the website if you need to contact them. Staff will respond during normal working hours, usually within 24 hours of the initial enquiry (where possible). Alternatively, please contact me on head@stpeters-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk with any queries and concerns you may have. I will respond during normal working hours (unless there is an emergency).

Safeguarding

In the event of a school closure there will be provision put in place for the reporting of any safeguarding issues and staff will be available to follow-up as necessary. The process for doing this will be clearly communicated if the school is closed.

If you require any further information about COVID-19, please check the NHS UK website, or the Public Health England blog. We will continue to provide updates as we receive them.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Julie Casswell
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