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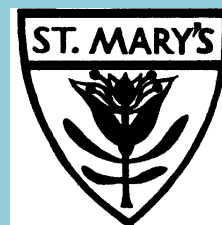


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*God is at the centre of our lives and as a school community we try to grow in love and care by following the example of Jesus*



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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

## Coronavirus update

Following the move to Stage 3 (delay) by the government on Thursday, school has today put in place further measures to ensure that we minimise the spread of the virus across our school and local community.

Going forward we will seek to minimise the number and length of situations where children are in close proximity to one another, minimise the number of people in any one place at any one time and minimise non-essential visitors to site.

I am sure that some of these measures are unnecessary, however it is probably better to err on the side of caution in ensuring the safety of both staff and children.

## **What we are doing**

As a result of this action plan the following decisions have been made:

- Should a child inform us that they feel unwell we will check their temperature .
- Hand-washing will be enforced.
- Any Celebration assemblies and performances as well as School/ Parish Mass will be postponed until further notice.
- Parents' evening will be postponed until after Easter however if you wish to speak to your child's teacher urgently please let the office know and they will arrange for the appropriate member of staff to call you.
- Year 5 & 6 pupils will not be able to attend 'Binworld' at the Prince of World.
- Year 5 & 6 pupils will not be participating in the K2M concert at the Prince of Wales instead we will seek to replace this with an in school performance in the summer term.
- All sporting events and PTFA events will be postponed, if possible they will be rescheduled for the summer term.
- Anyone entering school site for essential activities will be asked to wash their hands on arrival.

- Non- essential visitors- class readers etc- will be asked not to come for the moment.
- Exclusion periods for children with a temperature greater than 37.8 and/or a NEW continuous cough will be increased to 7 days. ( Check on the NHS website if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use NHS 111 online if at all possible before calling 111)

### What we need you to do

Please can you:-

- Check your contact details at the office are up to date.
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus.

### What happens if the school has to close?

We'll only close if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school.

In either case, we'll:

Alert all parents/carers of the closure via a text message and a post on our school website

We will inform parents when the school will be reopened via text message and a post on our school website

We plan to set work for pupils during the closure. This will be posted on **our** website under your child's individual class or sent via Teacher2Parents. You will not be required to enter passwords etc to access this.

Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

We ask that parents bear with us during this very unprecedented time. We will continue to keep you updated as changes become known to ourselves.

### Best wishes

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