



*“...Let us remember that, as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school.”*

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following updated guidelines from the Government yesterday, I write with a further update regarding coronavirus and the impact that it will have on school life.

I would like to reassure you that we are taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow guidance from the government and local education authority.

### **What is the current situation?**

The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we have been given.

Pupils should attend school unless they feel unwell. **If one person in any household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days.**

If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally do by calling the school office on the first day of self-isolation; you do not need to call on any subsequent days after this.

The **PTA Mother's Day have been postponed**; refunds will be issued to you and information sent out about a new date, when this is possible.

**Parent Consultations have been postponed**, a new date will be sent out to you, when this is possible.

The **football match against Craylands has been postponed** and will be rescheduled at a later date.

### **What we are doing to protect and support pupils and staff**

Pupils and staff with any symptoms are being sent home.

Lesson for pupils about hygiene and effective handwashing have taken place and continue to do so. Enforcing regular hand-washing.

Additional cleaning to ensure that all surfaces have been sterilised.

### **What we need you to do**

If you have recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via email/telephone. It is very important that we are able to contact you during the school day.

Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It may be a scary time for some of the children and we should make sure children feel supported. BBC Newsround has regular updates for younger children and YoungMinds has practical steps for older children to take to help with anxiety.

Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we will contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough). We are also asking that you collect siblings at the same time.

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

We will only close if we are either officially advised to do so or we do not have enough staff to run the school.

In either case we will inform you via text or email of the school closure and when it will be reopened. Please keep in mind that we are only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

**If you have any questions**

Please consult the:

School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue.

NHS, 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.

Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools.

Government's travel advice, if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead.

It is a difficult time and we know you're worried about the impact this might have on our community. It is important that we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

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**Ben Hulme**  
**Headteacher**