



16th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Latest School Updates regarding Coronavirus

Following on from the latest update sent out to you last week, I would like to advise parents of the following decisions that have been made about events planned in school and the current advice which the school is following.

Key actions school is taking.

In line with guidance from Public Health England (PHE), in order to avoid close proximity of adults and children within a confined space, I would like to advise parents of the following measures that Gillibrand will be taking from today.

WE WILL BE POSTPONING ALL PARENT ASSEMBLIES AND EVENTS UNTIL AFTER EASTER.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause however I am sure in the country's current situation you fully understand this decision and support these actions.

We understand that, like all the staff, many children and parents may be disappointed so we have agreed that the events we cannot postpone will be filmed and put on the school website via the class blogs.

- **Year 1/2 Mother's Day Assembly** Wednesday 18th March. This will be filmed and added to the class blogs
- **Reception Mother's Day Assembly** Friday 20th March. This will be filmed and added to the class blog
- **Year 1 and 2 trip to Manchester Airport** Friday 20th March will be postponed until **10th July**.
- **Parent's Evening** Thursday 26th March will be postponed until **Thursday 23rd April**
- **Year 3 and 4 Production** 1st April will be postponed until **Thursday 30th April**
- **Year 4 Singing Performance** Tuesday 31st March. This will be filmed and added to the class blog.
- **Year 5 Drumming Performance** Friday 3rd April. This will be filmed and added to the class blog.

Staff will send home spring term reports and IEPs at the end of next week, so you are aware of your child's current targets. If you require any further information, then please contact your child's class teacher via Dojo or ring school to speak to the teacher.

As I am sure you will appreciate, we are currently dealing with a complex and rapidly evolving situation. My first priority will always be the health and safety of the pupils and staff in our school.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection

Key messages

- If you or your child have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started.



- This action will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious
- If your child becomes unwell at school with a new, continuous cough or high temperature school will contact you immediately and your child will be sent home.
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water
- Stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible
- You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact [NHS 111 online](#). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999

What parents can do to help

- Do not bring your child to school if they are unwell or if a member of your household is unwell with the above symptoms. Seek medical advice first and contact us by phone or email to agree attendance.
- Inform the school if a member of your household has returned from a trip from a 'risk area' (and follow government guidance).
- Ensure that all the emergency contact details for your child are correct and that we have at least two contacts whom we can reach without delay.

Below are links to the most reliable information about the Coronavirus, from Public Health England. This is the advice that we are following.

Updates on COVID-19: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The DfE's helpline for schools, staff, students, parents and carers can be accessed by phone or email:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening Hours: 8am-6pm, Monday to Friday

There is currently no directive to close UK schools – we will, of course, keep parents updated of any changes.

Thank you for your co-operation and continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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