

St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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Coronavirus and our school

Dear Parents and Carers,

The government has stated that the coronavirus (COVID – 19) is currently at the *delay* phase, but it is evident that there is a rise in the number of diagnosed cases every day. We are following advice from Public Health England and the government guidelines. These state that if you have a new continuous cough and/or high temperature, however mild, please stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days – this is known as self-isolation. This is designed to prevent the spread if you do have the coronavirus. There will be no testing for those self-isolating with mild symptoms. You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation.

WHAT WE ARE DOING AT OUR SCHOOL:

1. We are cancelling all assemblies, including sharing assemblies until further notice;
2. We are postponing the parent consultations on Tuesday 17 March and Monday 23 March until later in the year;
3. The Easter Service scheduled for Wednesday 1 April at 10.00 in church is cancelled;
4. Trips may be cancelled on a case by case basis and you will receive individual communication about these;
5. Handwashing is encouraged and the children are shown how best to do this;
6. Cleaners are using suitable anti-bacterial cleaning agents daily to clean, including door handles and regularly touched furniture.

We aim to keep you updated with short communications and hope we can work together to keep our school running as long as possible as we know that your children need to be safely in school and you need to be getting on with your lives, work or otherwise. Our thoughts are with our school community as we all get used to this new normal!

Best wishes,

Liz Burton