



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to our letter yesterday regarding the Coronavirus, we would like to advise parents that we are following closely all Government and Local Authority advice and guidance. We aim to provide a daily update as to the current situation and parents should continue to check the school website, parent app and twitter accounts. Website: www.smmj.org.uk
Twitter: @smmjjnr

Should my child or I stay at home?

- Pupils (and staff) should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend school as normal.
- Anyone with a fever or persistent cough should stay at home for 7 days if they live alone or 14 days if they live with others.
- Anyone who lives with someone displaying Coronavirus symptoms should stay at home for 14 days.

We are advising those who are at increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19) (Parents and Children) to be particularly stringent in following social distancing measures listed here: [Government Social Distancing Advice](#)

Government guidance for those who have to remain at home can be found here:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance

NHS guidance can be found here:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/schools

Given the current situation and with the Prime Minister's update (16th March 2020) we would like to make parents/carers aware of further cancellations and changes:-

1. All extra-curricular activities will be cancelled until further notice.
2. Year 3 swimming will be cancelled.
3. Rebound Dance at the Theatre Royal (Tuesday 24th March) has been cancelled.
4. After School will close at 17.30pm each day until further notice.

Covering for absent staff is going to be a challenge and we are doing all we can to ensure that there is as little disruption to your child's learning as possible. However, it may be that, moving forward, some classes will need to be merged.

We are aware that some children are currently self-isolating and unable to attend school for 14 days. Please be advised that all year group staff are in the process of providing work packs for the children and these will be distributed to affected pupils by the end of the week. To assist with this we ask that all parents provide us with your latest email address for the work to be sent to. If your child has difficulty with online access please let your class teacher know and we will aim to provide assistance.

I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your patience at this difficult time.

Rebecca Wilkinson
Head Teacher

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