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Newsletter- Update COVID-19

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear families,

As you may have seen on our Twitter feed we have a growing number of children absent from school. We are fielding many calls and emails asking for advice but we can only quote the current Government advice. If you are unsure about your/your child's medical situation and/or need to stay away from school please call 111 (in good time as waiting times are very high) or consult your doctor. We can now code attendance linked to Coronavirus as 'Y' which means it does not affect school/child records of attendance. However, please note that once a child has been absent for this reason (and using this code) they must stay away from school for 14 days- in line with current advice. Children shouldn't be seen out in public in busy places after being reported as self-isolating either.

We have no confirmed cases of Coronavirus in school. However, some families are now starting to report that family members or close friends (with whom they have spent time recently) have become very unwell and they are showing all/many of the symptoms that one might expect. None of our children are affected to this degree at this time but we feel duty bound to be honest and open at this difficult and unprecedented time.

The situation will change daily and in my 8 years as a Head I have never experienced anything quite like it. We can only do our best to provide appropriate schooling and make decisions in the best interests of the pupils and their families. We will email out regular updates to keep everyone informed.

Please note that we have set up a new website section at: <https://springvaleprimary.org/curriculum/> This page will be updated over the coming days and weeks. (There is very little on there at present but staff have sent me details to add ASAP! I aim to have some details for all ages by the end of the day!) Please visit daily or use the suggested websites while children are at home. It is vital that children read, use numbers and practise their writing each and every day.

Changes from Tuesday 17th March, all subject to change:

1. All events to the Easter holidays, at least, are off. This includes any sporting fixtures, class photos, enterprise events and the musical evening event.
2. Attendance published daily on Twitter and weekly on newsletters
3. KS1 visit on Thursday to go ahead
4. London visit has been postponed (see a full email later today)

5. Exploring the situation re: Scarborough residential visit
6. Mrs Cliffe's breakfast group will continue 8.30am each day
7. Lots of key messages ongoing: washing hands before food, snack, lunch, etc
8. All staff PPA should be taken from home
9. LMc has cancelled all school to school support and training
10. 1 leader will be available (working from LMc's office) at all times- any additional leaders to work from home unless covering.
11. Assemblies are cancelled and will be replaced by the following new play time rota:
 - a. Y1-3 (10.30-10.50am)
 - b. Y4-6 (10.50-11.10am)
 - c. PM KS1 as normal
12. Chris Schofield to teach all Y1-6 PE suggested timetable:
(pupils require kit)
Thursday 9.30 to 10.50 Y5, 11-12 Y2, 1.30-3.00pm Y6
Friday 9.30 to 10.50 Y4, 11-12 Y1, 1.30-3.00pm Y3
13. Y5 swimming to go ahead
14. Clubs- all club leaders will be offered the chance to cancel but most want to keep them on. Audrey is ending Pop Shop tonight and JAM is cancelled anyway. I won't be booking any further clubs after Easter until this situation is over.
15. Final day of Book Fair today

Thank you for your support at this very challenging time.

Regards
Mr L McClure
Head