

HURSTHEAD INFANT SCHOOL

Dear Parents

Re: Coronavirus – Additional School Actions

As announced by the Prime Minister, there will not be a blanket closure of schools at the moment. Public Health England is the body through whom all of the latest guidance and information is being produced and distributed. Daily updates are being posted from the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

As mentioned in previous letters, school continues to promote positive hygiene behaviours within School and has implemented a vigilant regime of hand washing and cleansing/disinfecting frequently touched surfaces through school. We are ensuring a good level of ventilation in classrooms.

Allied to the above we ask parents and thank those who have already undertaken this action, to ensure that if any member of your family / household has a persistent cough or high temperature (37.8 or above is recommended) that the whole family/household stay at home for fourteen days and contact NHS 111 if necessary. Please do keep the School office informed.

Further action to be taken by the School will be to send children home for fourteen days if they are showing symptoms and to implement screening measures (thermometer) if we are concerned about high temperatures. We have also undertaken risk assessments of School and community events up to Easter using a common sense approach. Under the circumstances and in light of the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday regarding avoiding unnecessary social contact, we believe it is sensible to postpone non-essential gatherings whilst continuing to maintain the school timetable and school based activities involving teaching and learning.

School is therefore postponing the following events:

- The Year 2 Music Festival on Thursday 26 March (which involved local schools joining us in the school hall at Hursthead Infant School)
- The End of KS1 Information meeting for parents scheduled for Thursday 26 March at 6pm. We will put all information on the School's website and re-schedule the meeting if possible. Any particular questions or queries parents have please contact either myself or the class teacher.
- The Year 2 trip to Ford's Lane Church on Monday 30 March
- The PSA disco's on Thursday 2 April
- The Reception Easter assembly on Friday 3 April
- All after school extracurricular activities – Sportspoint, Ukulele, Kiddicook, football, Hip Hop, tennis

As from today we will also be avoiding unnecessary large groupings within school which includes whole school assemblies, including Friday morning's Birthday assembly.

We are taking these measures from a precautionary standpoint and hope that parents will support and understand. We would like to reiterate our approach is calm and collected. The above are common sense procedures we would follow to limit the spread of any type of influenza.

Please can all parents contact the school office if your phone number/email address has recently changed.

Finally, as schools have closed in some countries and we are unsure of future Government decisions, Hursthead Infant School is working on a contingency plan to ensure pupils will have learning opportunities at home in the event of closure. However, whilst School remains open we do not have the capacity to provide work for individual pupils in isolation and would direct parents to our website's "Children's area" for internet learning opportunities and to continue reading with home books.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

Jane Driscoll
Headteacher