



St. John's CE Primary School

Growing and learning together
Sharing the love of God

Headteacher: **Amanda Aze**
Chair of Local Advisory Board: **Vivien Sloan**

Coombe Avenue, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 7TP
Email: office@stjohnswey.dsat.org.uk
Website: www.stjohns.dsat.org.uk
Tel: 01305 785711

16th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

In response to the ongoing and developing situation, we would like to inform you of some precautions that we are taking to try to limit the spread of the coronavirus within our school community. We have needed to make some decisions to cancel or postpone some school events due to be taking place over the coming weeks.

Parent/teacher consultations on Tuesday 17th March will be cancelled. However if you still wish to speak to your child's teacher please let the school know via email if possible and we will be able to organise a phone call consultation time between yourself and your child's teacher.

The PTA Easter Egg Hunt on Friday 27th March will also be cancelled. The PTA will be organising some Easter fundraising and will communicate more about this on the **Classlist App**. Please consider downloading this app and joining this group as it is an excellent way for parents/carers to stay in touch with each other, especially at the moment.

Easter Services at St John's Church on Monday 30th (Reception +Y1) and Tuesday 31st March.(Y2-6) Regrettably, myself, and Revd Tom Coopey have come to the decision that we must cancel these events under the current circumstances.

The Big Bang Dorset Schools Science Fair that some of our Y5 and 6 children were attending on Wednesday 16th March has been postponed. We will hopefully receive a new date to attend this later in the year.

Playpod Stay & Share on Monday 23rd March has also been postponed. We will update you on a possible future date.

Sporting events including the NASH Football Cup on 27th March, Y4/5/6 Tag Rugby events and Swimming Gala on 19th March have all been cancelled.

After school clubs, due to small numbers of children attending, will continue.

This includes Animation Club, Multi-Sports Club, Forest School Club, Gym Club, and Netball Club (although netball is cancelled due to Miss Stuart being on a course this week.) School swimming lessons will also continue.



Diocese of Salisbury
Academy Trust
'Beyond expectations for all of God's children'

Home Learning

We will not be sending home work for children to complete if they are off school sick. However we are currently preparing should school close and children who are not poorly are expected to learn at home. We will send out more information about this should the need arise.

Email address for every family needed

If we find ourselves in the situation where the school does close it is essential that we can still contact you. If you have not given an up to date email address to the office (we have requested this recently) I must ask that you now make this a priority. If we do find that children have to learn at home having a line of communication between home and school is really important. Mrs Martin will be in contact with you about this.

The most up to date official government guidance states that;

Staff and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others and self-isolate for 7 days. Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal.

If staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home.

We will also continue to ensure regular hand washing for 20 seconds is taking place.

Thank you for your ongoing support in this current situation. I will continue to ensure that you are kept up to date as we move forward.

Best wishes,

Amanda Aze

Head teacher