Dear parents and carers,

The Coronavirus pandemic is causing some uncertainty for educational establishments. Rest assured, we stay abreast of Public Health England guidance and REAch2 Trust is proactive in supporting us through this worrying time.

We evaluate the risks to our children, families and staff routinely and we will be guided by government guidance as to whether we need to take any further precaution to prevent the spread of infection.

A plea: it is ESSENTIAL that any Kirby child, parent or carer who is self-isolating or undergoing tests for Covid-19 is brought to our attention. This helps us to accurately assess the risk. Just inform any office colleague, or myself.

So it is 'business as usual' for us in many respects but we have been advised to make some sensible adjustments to further reduce the risk of infection. As a result, we will be postponing some events- in accordance with the guidance given to us. Furthermore, we will be ensuring we are fully prepared should any emergency closure be necessary. Do not be alarmed by this, it is our responsibility to be prepared for every eventuality.

Please read and respond to the letter distributed today to ensure we have accurate contact details and effective methods of keeping in touch remotely- should the need arise. If you could submit your response by Monday, that would be appreciated.

I assure you that we have been promoting good hygiene in school, without increasing anxiety for our children. Furthermore, we have enhanced our cleaning practice to minimise the risk of spreading germs.

With my thanks for your ongoing support,

Mrs Booth-Rylett

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Kirby Primary Academy
13th March 2020
Newsletter 23

- Spring Menu Week 1
- 24th March - Menu change
- 24th March Year 1 Parent Lunch
- 26th March SEN Coffee Afternoon 1pm
- 27th March Non-Uniform Day & Chocolate Tombola
- 3rd April Easter Bonnet Competition
- 3rd April Autism Silly Sock Day
- 6th—17th April Easter Break
- 6th—9th April Year 6 Easter School
- 22nd April Year 2 Parent Lunch
- 23rd April Dance Festival—Unity, Colchester
- 29th April Class photos
- 5th May Rocksteady Concert
- 6th May Year 3 Parent Lunch
Well done to Puffin class for having this week's highest attendance.

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**Medical Appointments:** Appointment cards/evidence is required in advance where possible, or after in cases of an emergency.

**Sickness:** Please call the school on 01255 674056 or email attendance@kirbyacademy.org by 9am on the first day. A letter explanation is required upon their return. Evidence of any medication prescribed can also be provided.

**Unauthorised Leave in Term Time:** A Leave of Absence form must be completed prior to the absence, including a letter detailing the exceptional circumstances. Fines of £120 per parent/carer may be issued where unauthorised leave has been taken during term time.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**
Can we please remind you to let us know in advance if your child will not be attending a club. We need to know so that they are not taken for club registration, and also for safeguarding purposes.

***CANCELLED***
KS2 Multisports—Monday 16th March

**SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES**
Please subscribe to our school calendar via the link on our website. This will automatically sync events to your Google calendar.

https://kirby.secure-primarystate.net/diary/list/

**SEN COFFEE SESSIONS**
26th March - 1pm

Please join our P.T.A Facebook page to keep up to date with events, fundraising ideas, meeting dates etc….
Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?
- It can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- The infection is not serious for most people, including children
- There is currently no vaccine
- Most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?
- You can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- The chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- If you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

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<td>Kill it by washing your hands with soap &amp; water or hand sanitiser</td>
<td>On arrival at any childcare or educational setting</td>
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- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles
- If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels

Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call NHS 111 for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See NHS.UK for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately