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Dear Parents

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Further Update

Please note that the following correspondence is from Marston Green Infant Academy and Marston Green Junior School and has been authorised by both Chair of Governors.

In response to recent announcements from the government, we are informing parents about the following actions:

Solihull Local Authority has forwarded to all schools, a video message on YouTube for schools by the Director of Public Health, Ruth Tennant, about COVID-19; parents may want to access this short video by selecting this link to see Ruth's message.

Restriction of ill staff and pupils in schools

In line with government guidance, all staff and pupils who have a fever, temperature or persistent cough should be told to self-isolate for at least 7 days. The current guidance on 111 online for self-isolation is:

You should remain at home until 7 days after your symptoms started. After 7 days, if you feel better and no longer have a high temperature, you can go back to doing what you would normally do.

The cough may go on for some weeks in some people, even though the coronavirus infection has cleared.

A cough itself does not mean that you have to stay at home for more than 7 days. If you do not get better after 7 days use the 111 on-line assessment service again before you leave home or let visitors in.

You can visit https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ to find our more information.

If your child or family member is being tested for the COVID19 Virus, please notify the school immediately.

Approach to Cleaning

The school has already implemented more rigorous, frequent and additional cleaning methods. Pupils are being told to adopt the preventative measures as outlined by Public Health England (e.g. there is antibacterial soap in all toilets for washing hands, coughing into a tissue).

Postponement and Cancellation of School Events
In order to restrict adults coming into school the decision has been made to cancel the following:

- Nursery & Reception Mothers’ Day Celebrations (Friday 20 March 2020)
- Rocksteady Performance Assembly (Wednesday 25 March 2020)
- Year 1 & 2 Disco (Thursday 26 March 2020)
- SEND Coffee Afternoon (Monday 30 March 2020)
- Reception Open/Reading Session (Wednesday 1 April 2020)
- Year 1 Easter Assembly (Thursday 2 April 2020)
- Lily Pads Stay & Play by St. Leonards’ Church group (Friday mornings)
- School Nursery Stay and Play (Friday sessions)

We will also be cancelling any internal assemblies.

At the moment off-site school trips, such as the Year 1 Twycross Zoo trip, and Year 2 visit to Stratford Upon Avon will go ahead as planned. We will update parents if this decision changes.

**Who will take the decision to close the school?**

We would only close the entire school if directed by Public Health England and the Government. Currently, our school is open for pupils to attend.

**If the school does close, how will parents be notified of a closure?**

Parents will be notified via text message (priority 1 contacts), email, our school website, and our school Facebook page.

As expected, we will be following DfE advice and recommendations in this matter. Parents will also be informed about learning at home for all pupils.

**If a pupil or relative of a pupil tests positive of Coronavirus/COVID-19, what action would the school take?**

In the event that we are informed of a parent or relative testing positive for the virus, the school would close to undertake a deep clean, which is usually between 2 to 3 days. We would continue to communicate via text message, email and our School Facebook.

Senior Leaders would like to thank parents for their patience and understanding during this uncertain time.

Yours sincerely

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