

DAVIES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Important Information: Coronavirus/Covid-19

Following the latest Government instruction, we will remain open until the Department for Education instruct us otherwise. This letter is to update our parents and carers on the further steps we have taken as a school to safeguard both our pupils, staff and parent community. The school continues to monitor the risk on a real-time basis and will take action as required, taking into account advice from the DfE, Local Authority and Public Health England. This is a rapidly changing situation, so please ensure you read all school communications and keep up to date by checking the websites listed below.

Trips, Assemblies and Swimming

The following trips this Spring term have been postponed until further notice:

- 17th March - Y2 (Juniper, Sycamore) going to RAF museum
- 17th March - Sports ambassadors day
- 23rd March – Y6 House of Parliament
- 24th March – Y2 aquatics centre
- 26th March – Y5 Gamelan
- 27th March – Y4 science museum
- 30th March - Y5 Gamelan
- 31st March – Y4 Science museum
- 3rd April - Attendance lunch

We will attempt to reschedule these trips next term but if this is not possible, all monies paid will be refunded.

Further to these postponements we will also be cancelling our whole school assemblies:

- Leadership Assembly
- Singing assembly
- Phase assembly
- Music performances
- Concerts

As well as these, Year 4 swimming will stop for the rest of the term.

Before & After School Clubs

These will continue as normal until further notice.

Residential Trip – June 2020

We will monitor advise from DfE and LA.

Water Fountains

From tomorrow we will close our school water fountains so can you please ensure that every child brings in their own full water bottles.

Homework – supporting your child’s learning from home

If your child, children or family are self-isolating, we will endeavour to send out suggestions and ideas to further support your child’s learning from home.

Self-isolating – 7 days

If your child or anyone else in your household is displaying any of the symptoms listed on the following websites, **please contact the school by telephone before visiting the premises so that we may undertake a risk assessment.**

Thank you to all of the parents who have been telephoning the school to update us with the reason why your child/children are absent from school. Please continue to do this.

Keeping up to date

Please keep up to date on a daily basis and follow the latest guidance issued by the DfE . The official government web page is <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> and for educational settings is <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

You can also access information at

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Encouraging good hygiene

As always, if you have cold or flu symptoms, there are measures you should take to stop germs spreading:

- always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

I would like to reassure all parents and carers that the school is taking every precaution possible to reduce the risks associated with this new virus, and will update you as and when new advice is received.

Kindest regards,

Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher