



GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

including Sunny Ile and Cygnets Pre-Schools



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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware we aware from the last newsletter we are currently following Government and Public Health guidance regarding the Corona (Covid 19) outbreak. I'm sure you will know from your own following of this on the news and internet that advice is changing on a day to day basis and as a school we need to plan for a multiplicity of possible scenarios.

We are pleased that families are supporting this by following the guidance from last Friday to self-isolate children for 7 days if they start a temperature over 37.8 °C and/or a continuous cough. As a school we have plans in place should there be a need to close the school following Government guidance and should this happen we will communicate this is a separate correspondence alongside sending learning tasks home for the children. If your child is off self-isolating please ensure you let school know and tell us the reason why as per normal attendance procedures.

In the meantime we are taking active steps to minimise the risk including:

- ongoing reminders to children about hand washing and hygiene
- removing messy play from our EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) classes
- suspending celebration assemblies including star of the week and Lions' Award - children given the award this week will be given their certificates in class and then we will still have this assembly at a later date.
- asking volunteers who come in to support in class to not come in until we have more structured guidance about what is happening next nationally. Their help is greatly appreciated but we feel this offers a better protection to all involved. The exception to this will be those on designated courses who are coming in on placement - their attendance will be agreed in conjunction with their provider.
- stopping whole school worships until further notice so we don't have all the children in the hall at the same time. These will take place as class worships instead.
- maintaining cleaning and especially areas like door handles, light switches and screens that are frequently touched.
- Frogs Bingo is postponed for this Friday and tuck shop suspended until further notice.
- We will not be holding our Easter Services this year at The Minster, apologies to those looking forward to these services.



We have also decided to postpone parents' evenings this week and we apologise for any disruption this may cause. If you had something you need to discuss straightaway with the teacher please either email the office with your question or ask to have a telephone conversation with them.

We are happy to answer any further questions but like everyone else we are awaiting further Government and Public Health guidance to decide our next steps.

As future correspondence will include emailing please can you ensure your email address is up to date and working e.g. do you receive the newsletter each week? **If the answer is no please speak to the office as soon as possible.**

Yours sincerely,

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