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Caring and Achieving

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Dear Parents

Thank you for all of the over-whelming support you continue to give to the school at this difficult time globally. Following updated guidance at 4.45 pm yesterday, new national measures have been put in place for anyone displaying COVID-19 symptoms:

- If a member of a household displays symptoms of a **new continuous/persistent cough and/or a temperature (37.8 or above)** then they, and all members of the household, must self-isolate (stay at home) for 14 days. The self-isolation begins from the date that the first person becomes ill.
- Anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms during that time will need to stay at home for 7 days from when their personal symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period.
- If anyone lives alone and display symptoms (no matter how mild), they must self-isolate at home for 7 days.
- The advice is that if you can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.
- If you cannot move vulnerable people out of your home, stay away from them as much as possible.

For more information on Government guidance on COVID-19 including self-isolation, ending self-isolation, vulnerable groups and social distancing, please click on the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Please be assured that we continue to promote and discuss good hygiene with the children and have discussed COVID-19 with them, in an age appropriate way. It has been emphasised to them that children are the least affected group and have discussed ways for us to try to keep everyone safe in our community.

Guidance continues to evolve on a daily basis and I will keep you informed as any new information becomes available.

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Postponing School Events

In an attempt to keep all of our community safe, we have taken the difficult decision to postpone several key events between now and the Easter break. I'm sure you're all as disappointed as we are, but on advice, we are limiting additional social interaction beyond our existing school staff and children. Thank you for your understanding, and for supporting our commitment to keeping all of the more vulnerable in our society safe. I look forward to all postponed events being rescheduled and reinstated as soon as possible.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent consultation evenings on 1st and 2nd April are being postponed. Teachers will provide, by these dates, targets for each child in English and maths as well as end of year expectations in English and Maths for each year group and information regarding your child's current attainment in the these subjects (in Years 1-6). This will detail if your child is **currently** working below the expected standard for their age, working towards the expected standard for their age, working at the expected standard for their age or working at greater depth within the expected standard for their age.

Celebration Worship

With regret we are no longer able to welcome parents into our celebration worship at this time.

Extra-curricular clubs

All clubs that are led by external providers have been cancelled. Currently, choir and Year 6 booster clubs will continue to be delivered as they are led by school-based staff.

Sporting Competitions

The annual swimming gala has been cancelled as have all scheduled sporting competitions that were due to take place against other schools (including local and other schools in the Multi-Academy Trust) up until Easter. We are hoping to reschedule these during the summer term.

Easter Fair

The Easter Fair is being postponed. The PTFA are hoping to reschedule this in the summer term. Please see the PTFA's Facebook page for further information.

Easter Service at All Saints' Church

Our end of term service that was due to be led by Rev Richard in All Saints' Church is being cancelled.

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Home Work

We have purchased workbooks for all school-aged children to use in the event of a whole-school closure. Alongside these, staff are producing packs of work for the children to follow, if a closure takes place – these are not currently available for children. If these books are sent home, it is very important that they are completed and returned to school as they are an expensive resource, purchased to support your child's learning if school is closed. In addition, as mentioned in a recent newsletter, all children will have access to the range of Apps on our school website.

In non COVID-19 related news...

Sport Relief

Thank you to everyone who contributed during Sport Relief day - our school raised £111.00. In particular, I would like to thank all children in Year 5 and 6 (supported by Miss Plumb and Mrs Shuttleworth) who organised and led activities –these included netball games and dance routines. During the day, all children walked/ran a mile and took part in a whole school dodge-ball competition. It was a wonderful day, once again reminding us all of how fantastic the children at All Saints' are!

Maths Day

The children had a very exciting day that included solving mathematical puzzles and whole-school treasure hunts. The maths related costumes were inspiring – thanks to all parents for supporting their children with the outfits and to Miss Plumb who so ably organised and led the entire day.

World Book Day

Again, this was a fantastic day, with some imaginative and inspiring costumes! Children took part in book-related activities and guessed the book titles based on a bag of clues. During the afternoon, all children took part in a book treasure hunt, using clues to identify each staff member's favourite book as a child. Thanks to Mrs Shuttleworth who organised and led the day so effectively.

Despite some nationally challenging times, our children continue to delight! They are flourishing in school and, as always, make me and all members of staff proud. Parents are still very welcome to have meetings and phone calls with me, and although some activities are now limited, I continue to be available for you to support your child.

Take care and please follow all government guidance regarding the more vulnerable in our families and the wider community.

Yours sincerely

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