



Christ Church CE VC Primary School

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13 March 2020

Dear parent/carer,

We thought it would be helpful to share with you the latest advice and guidance regarding coronavirus.

As a school we are keeping up to date with the latest government information and reminding our pupils to wash their hands and maintain good hygiene.

This includes encouraging pupils to wash their hands more often than usual and always sneezing into a tissue. Thank you for supporting us with this.

Although we haven't been advised by Public Health England to do so, we have taken the decision to implement the following changes.

We have made the decision to postpone Parents Evening (previously advertised as 31 March and 2 April) until Term 5. This will be subject to review given the situation closer to the time and we will keep you informed.

All collective worships or assemblies will be stopped for the foreseeable future.

The school greatly appreciates the value of our volunteers and, as such, we would encourage them to think seriously before coming into school. We are especially concerned about our more elderly and vulnerable volunteers who may be at risk of exposure to the virus.

We have also decided to cancel all planned school trips apart from the Year 2 trip on Monday 16 March to Westonbirt which will still go ahead. The Year 6 residential trip in June will also be subject to review closer to the time of the trip.

The school, working with Sodexo, will endeavour to keep the school menu the same but this is subject to the availability of staff and food supplies. It may be necessary to amend the menu and we will keep you updated.

If parents are in self-isolation their children will be expected to attend school whilst they themselves do not have symptoms. Arrangements will need to be made to get the children to and from school as the parents in isolation should not be leaving home and certainly not coming on to the school site. Please see the Stay at Home guidance from Public Health England (attached) for further information.



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We are unable to share any information about any families in isolation as this is a breach of confidentiality and GDPR.

The West Wiltshire Schools Sports Partnership have today cancelled all sporting events.

If you want to find out further information NHS has put useful advice on their website

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you have any specific queries related to education you can also speak to The Department For Education which has a special [helpline](#) which can be used by parents and which offers advice and guidance. The line is open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday. **Phone:** 0800 046 8687 **Email:**

DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Thank you again for your continued support and we will keep in touch with any updates going forward.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Baker', written in a cursive style.

Neil Baker
Headteacher