



Tuesday March 17th, 2020

Dear parent/ carer,

Covid-19 Important Update

During these unprecedented times, we, as a Trust of five schools, have made a number of decisions with the safety of your child/children, yourselves, your family members, our Trustees, staff and their family members firmly at its heart.

Following the ongoing uncertainty, we have, with immediate effect, implemented a series of changes which will help to reduce risk and hopefully keep us all safe. The following events have, unfortunately, been cancelled or postponed: swimming lessons; Book Fair (children are welcome to bring money to purchase a book themselves); Parents Forum; Mother's Day Afternoon Tea; parental attendance at class assemblies; Academy Photos; PTFA Ice Cream Fridays; TMPF Music Festival, PTFA Bingo and PTFA Disco. If you are due to attend any school-related event, please contact us to check if this is still taking place. Please note that after-school clubs and boosters are still taking place as planned, as are acts of collective worship for the children within school. For sessions which have been paid for but are no longer taking place, we will contact you in regards to refunds.

We also kindly advise that unless for a meeting with a member of the staff team, or visiting the school office, parents/ carers should avoid entering the school building. This may be a change to our current procedures in some areas, but please be assured that this is being done solely to keep all members of our school family safe.

As you know, we care deeply about every single member of our school family and want to play our part as a responsible organisation to reduce the risk of the spread of the coronavirus (Covid-19). Therefore, although we appreciate that these decisions may be disappointing to some, we haven't taken them lightly and hope that you can see, appreciate and support our decisions.

Should we receive further changing advice from the government, the Department for Education, or our health and safety partners, or the situation in school change, we will, of course let you know.

We urge you to please play your part in keeping our school safe. Following government advice, should any member of your household display symptoms including a temperature of 37.8 degrees or above, or a cough, then each member of the household needs to self-isolate for 14 days, this includes children. Again, we know that this may be frustrating, but it is the guidance of the government which we must all follow to keep everyone safe and to reduce risk. This is something we are committed to and we appreciate your support and understanding by following this in school. May we also request that should any member of our school family receive a diagnosis of the virus, please can you inform school.

Should your child need to be absent from school due to self-isolation, we will endeavour to provide activities which they can undertake, should they feel well enough.

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If you have any concerns about a family member's health in relation to coronavirus (Covi-19), please call the **NHS on 111**, or visit the following sites for further advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> ;

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

Although these are unfamiliar times, please follow any government guidelines, show our caring Christian manner, try not to worry and stay safe.

The Great Wood team



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