

Coates Way School

13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

PLEASE READ – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

I am writing to you to give you as much information as possible surrounding the coronavirus situation.

The Government has announced that we have entered the delay stage, this means trying to delay the spread of coronavirus in an attempt to reduce the number of cases.

Every day the school receives updated information from Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) and the Department for Education (DfE) on current developments.

All advice received from the DfE and Hertfordshire County Council is based on scientific evidence.

The peak period of the virus is likely to happen around mid May.

Schools will remain open unless we are informed that we are to close by HCC or the Government.

Children with a high temperature, a continuous cough and flu like symptoms should stay at home for seven days.

All adults, including staff, with similar symptoms should also stay at home for seven days.

Everyone should continue to wash hands regularly and remember the importance of good hygiene.

In light of this information and to make every effort to reduce the potential spread of the virus, all assemblies in school are cancelled until further notice. In addition, the school performances planned for later on this month will also be cancelled and we will arrange a new date in the summer term. Any tickets that have already been bought by parents will obviously be valid for the performance on the re-arranged date.

All cooking clubs (refunds will be issued), KS2 Singing club on Tuesday's and KS1 Easter party will also be cancelled.

Please note that Wednesday morning reading sessions with parents are cancelled until further notice and can you please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day as we do not want children sharing drinking cups.

In the event of the school closing for any lengthy period of time, the link below will give parents access to a number of online learning resources, platforms, apps and other digital learning resources.

<https://bit.ly/OnlineandRemoteLearningSolutionsGoogleDoc>

Teachers are also in the process of preparing small packs of resources for those families that cannot access the online resources.

We will keep you posted on any new developments as and when we are made aware of them.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Wells
Head teacher