



Respect, Courage, Compassion, Friendship, Trust, Perseverance

16 March 2020

Dear parents/carers

As you're probably aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. We're getting in touch to let you know what we're doing in light of this, and what we expect from all of you, to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We want to reassure you that at St. John's CE Primary School, we're taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community. The School receives daily updates, and we closely following official guidance from the government, Public Health England and Sefton LA.

What's the current situation?

The **School remains open** – this is the current official guidance we've been given
Normal school functions continue to run as normal as possible, with some adjustments
Pupils should attend unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms, they **should remain at home for 7 days**:

- a new, continuous cough and/or
- a temperature

If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by telephoning the school office
We are expecting that statutory assessments will go ahead: In May, KS 1 SATs and KS 2 SATs; In June, the new Year 4 statutory multiplication check. phonics screening and will continue to prepare children

We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation. Updates will be posted on the school website: <https://www.stjohnscephprimarywaterloo.co.uk/>
Please follow the links> Parents>COVID 19 updates.

What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff:

Should a child feel ill on the school premises, we will follow usual school procedures and contact parents/carers

Additional precautions are taken during cleaning to maintain vigilant levels of cleanliness e.g., careful attention to door handles and other key fixtures and fittings.

Drinking cups have been removed as well as all soft toys, cushions, and blankets
Stringent strategies for efficient and frequent handwashing have been implemented

Lessons to support the children's understanding of hygiene and reassure them of the current situation, allowing children the opportunity to ask questions that are worrying them.

Scheduled events

Some events will be cancelled, postponed, or adjusted in light of the current situation to enable population distancing, which has been shown to reduce the spread of infection:

Tues 17 March - Cross Country meet at St. Nicolas' CE Primary School has been cancelled

Thu 2 April Diversity Concert. This has been postponed until later in the summer term. Date to be confirmed. Parents should retain their tickets.

Celebration Worship – This will not be open to visitors. Instead, the celebration worship will be with children and staff only.

Parents Evening – This is cancelled. Instead, staff will prepare progress summary reports based on the latest assessments and targets for the summer term.

We will take further advice regarding forthcoming sporting events and inform you through the Class Dojo, newsletter, or text.

What we need you to do

If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via telephone 0151 928 5685 or email admin.stjohnswaterloo@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Send your child with a labelled water bottle. This must be taken home at the end of each day, cleaned and brought back the next day

Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It's an unsettling and unusual time, and we should make sure children feel supported. [BBC Newsround](#) has regular updates for younger children, and [YoungMinds](#) has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety

Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we'll contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)

What happens if the School has to close?

We'll only close if we're either officially advised to do so, or we don't have enough staff to run the School.

In either case, we'll:

Alert parents to closure through text, Class Dojo, and across the scrolling banner on the school website home page.

The same procedures, via text, Class Dojo and School website, will inform parents when the School will be reopened

In the event of a school closure, work will have been prepared for home learning. This will be communicated if school closures are necessary

Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

If you have any questions

Please consult the:

School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue

[NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111

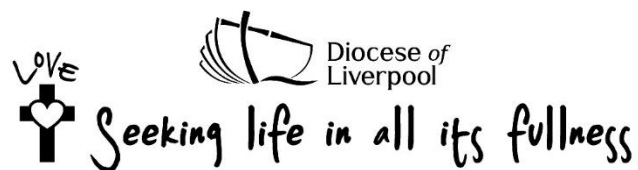
Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools

Government's [travel advice](#), if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go-ahead.

It's an unsettling time and we know you're worried about the impact this might have on our community. It's important we keep each other safe and prepare for these events to help with any anxiety and uncertainty.

Thank you for your continued support.

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