



ST JOHN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

"LEARNING TOGETHER – AIMING HIGH"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the situation around Coronavirus evolves, we continue to follow the guidance issued by the Department for Education and the Somerset Local Authority. The Senior Leadership Team are reviewing the guidance on a daily basis, and have put in place a number of plans. These are set out below.

What we are already doing

- We have introduced additional opportunities for thorough handwashing across the school
- We have hand sanitiser available for visitors, who are not able to wash their hands on arrival to school
- Teachers have spoken to classes about hand washing technique
- Children are encouraged to 'catch' coughs and sneezes in a tissue and tissues are provided in all classrooms

What we ask from you

Please follow the NHS guidance if you suspect your child is showing symptoms of the virus. You can read the full guidance at the link below, which also lets you know when you should or shouldn't contact your GP.

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

In general, keep your child at home for 7 days if they have either;

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough

As usual, please ring school to let us know if your child is unable to attend school.

School Closure protocol

At this time, we have received no instruction to close the school. Should this change, we will follow our usual closure protocol that we use in cases of adverse weather. As soon as any decision to close is taken, a message will be posted on our website home page (www.stjohnsfrome.co.uk) and messages sent out through ParentMail. Please make sure you are checking ParentMail regularly.

We are planning ahead for possible closures and staff have prepared suggested learning for children to complete at home. In the event of a school closure, we will send out further details.

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We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.

Internet and laptop / tablet access

As some of the work set will require access to an internet connected laptop or tablet, please can you let us know if your child does not have access to such a device at home (please visit the front desk to let us know)? We can then provide a paper learning pack instead.

Thank you for your continued support in this rapidly changing situation.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Claire Marsland
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