



Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

St Gilbert's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am aware that it is a challenging time with great uncertainty for us all and I greatly appreciate the support you are providing the school and each other at this time. Following on from my previous communications, please can I bring to your attention recent changes to the official government and local authority guidance which we continue to follow. We will update you as and when required.

- **Self-Isolation and absence notifying procedures** - If your child/ren are in self-isolation, please can you continue to follow our attendance policy of advising us **each day of absence for the full 14 day period** by emailing enquiries@stgilberts.co.uk This ensures that we are able to continue to comply with our school safeguarding responsibilities.

In regards to children with underlying long-term medical conditions or weakened immune systems, we **strongly advise** you to take particular note of the advice in the public domain to support you in making an informed decision regarding whether your child should be in school. We recognise this is a parental decision but these pupils should be safeguarded in line with the guidance being given by the government. Please contact the school should you wish to discuss this.

In addition, please find the following details of further measures we have put in place to continue to protect all children and staff whilst in school.

Cancelled Events

- **School Trips** - All planned school trips have been cancelled up to the end of Term 4.
- **Guitar lessons** have been cancelled until the end of Term 4. Invoices will be adjusted accordingly and we will advise in due course the revised amount. Violin and Woodwind lessons will continue as normal.
- The **PTA and I** have taken the decision to cancel all of their events leading up to the Easter holidays.
- **Prokick** – we are intending to postpone this event for the time-being and will look to organise an alternative date at a later time
- **Heights and Weights** – this has recently been cancelled and we will look to find an alternative date
- **Swimming** – we have cancelled all swimming lessons for the rest of the term. We feel this is a prudent measure and will look to issue refunds at a later date.
- **Bourne Grammar Meeting** - we have contacted the Headteacher and cancelled the upcoming meeting for parents of current Y4 and 5 pupils on 31st March. We will rearrange this at a later date.
- **Wrates** – we have been advised today that the class photos visit has been cancelled.
- **Sports** – all events are cancelled.
- **Family Days** – we have taken the decision to postpone these due to the current uncertainty and will organise further dates at a later time.
- **Youth University** – this will not take place and children will be completing other activities.
- **Sensory Circuits** – this has been cancelled until further notice

Events/Meetings still taking place

- ✓ **SEN review Meetings** –These will still take place on the dates specified. These will only change if the school closes and we will then seek to rearrange the dates.
- ✓ **After School Clubs** - All staff run, externally led clubs and Gilbert's Gang will continue as normal until further notice.
- ✓ **Farm Kitchen** are still operating

Further information

- **School organisation** – we are taking steps in school to reduce the number of children coming together at the same time in school, for instance at lunchtime in the halls and Collective Worship.
- **At the beginning of the day**, children will now come straight into school at 8:40am.
- **At the end of the day**, we will be staggering the dismissal time very slightly and would be grateful if once you have collected your child that you promptly make your way home.
- **For those children currently in self-isolation** please find attached a useful list of educational websites.

I will continue to keep you informed of any further updates.

Kind regards



Miss F Dicker
Headteacher

