

St. Werburgh's Church of England (Voluntary Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parent,

I am sure that you are aware of the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the increase in the number of confirmed cases in the UK.

We take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously and, while there is currently no cause for concern at our school, we will keep you updated with any developments, including whether we will need to close.

Current guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE) remains that schools stay open; however, it is possible that this advice may change as the spread of coronavirus continues. If we are required to close our school, we will take the necessary steps to ensure you are informed of the closure and that the effect on pupils' education is limited.

In the event that we do close the school, you will be informed via text message (initially) and advised on how long we expect the closure to last.

Arrangements for a school closure

In order to ease communication we would like to request email contact details for each family. To enable us to update our records, please email school – admin@stwerburghs.derby.sch.uk stating your child's 'Name' and 'Class' in the 'Subject' line.

For Example – John Smith Class 3

We are currently considering various ways of providing work for your children at home. These **may** be emailed directly to you and completed electronically.

If you are unable to access the internet at home, please let us know at the earliest opportunity and we will look at alternative options for you.

In the meantime we will continue to implement health protection measures and follow the relevant advice issued by the DfE and PHE. (Please see over)



As per advice from the government, the school has taken the following actions for infection control:

- Putting up coronavirus infection control measures information posters around the school
- Encouraging good hygiene by promoting the importance of handwashing for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap.
- Ensuring pupils and staff understand that they must cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Isolating any unwell children until they can go home.
- Advising people who have returned from a category 1 specified countries/areas in the last 14 days to self-isolate.
- Advising people who have returned from category 2 specified countries/areas in the last 14 days to stay at home if they develop any symptoms (full list of category 1 and 2 countries can be found on the government website)
- No additional trips/outings are to be booked (it has been confirmed that swimming is still safe to do)

We would like to reiterate that these are only preventative measures, in place to anticipate any occurrences of coronavirus within the school and I would ask that you encourage good infection control practices at home also.

The Department of Education has set up a helpline to answer any questions related to education and the coronavirus, they can be contacted as follows:

Phone 0800 046 8687 or email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

I appreciate your patience and support on this matter