

ABBAY ACADEMIES TRUST
Executive Headteacher: Mrs S J Moore

Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 13TH MARCH 2020

Firstly, can I thank you all for being so calm and supportive in the current uncertain times we find ourselves in.

Abbey Academies Trust SLT have met this morning and have finalised our action plan and risk assessment for Coronavirus. Obviously this may change as we get new updates from the government, DfE, LAAT and Public Health. Following advice, we have decided to make the following decisions in order to keep our whole school family safe:

After Golden Book assemblies on Monday, for the foreseeable future, we won't be inviting parents/carers as we don't want to put vulnerable adults at risk. Unfortunately, we will not be having Easter services in church. We will though ensure our Easter Eggstravaganzas, which will go ahead as planned, have a Christian message.

We still plan to go on visits but only if the providers say it is safe and if we have the correct staff ratio to go. At present, this includes Castle Head. The Castle Head meetings will go ahead as planned for parents/carers. We will ensure that all the relevant paperwork will be ready to send to parents/carers, in case we are not at school when the meetings should be.

Following the announcement yesterday when Mr Johnson told us that all residential visits abroad cannot go ahead, we have spoken today to the Year 6 children who were going to France from Bourne Abbey and Bourne Elsea Park. We explained that although we can't promise them what we will do in the current situation, we will do something special with them before the end of Year 6. We are looking into insurance and will ensure parents and carers are all fully refunded for this residential.

There will be no discos this term at Bourne Abbey, as we feel that could be a hotbed of germs; however, the Mother's Day sale will go ahead as planned.

Any visitors into school will be asked to wash their hands and any small meetings will take place in a large room, including Family Learning. Any specialists booked in e.g. speech and language therapists will go ahead. We have plans in place for our vulnerable families should our schools close.

Please make sure your children take their water bottles home every night to be washed and continue to remind them of good hygiene. Please also remember to take advice if you or your child/ren show any of the symptoms and follow Public Health advice.

We hope you feel we are taking a sensible approach in our schools and not cancelling everything. We are trying to get the balance right. We are also in close contact with other local schools to check we are being consistent with them in our approach.

We will continue to communicate with you regularly and ask that you check you are receiving Parentmail notifications and alert the school as soon as possible if you are not.

As ever, I will keep you updated and thank you again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S J Moore
Executive Headteacher