



# St Anne's Church Academy @Hewish & @West Wick



Term 4 Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the situation continues to change in relation to COVID-19 I would like to share with you our plan in response to the updated government advice, and in relation to any future school and nursery closure.

We can assure you that at the time of writing we still have no reported cases of any pupil or staff member diagnosed with suspected COVID-19 in St Anne's and Little Learners Nursery. We are continuing to follow the advice of the UK Government and Public Health England and **will not close unless directed to do so.**

As you may be aware from the recent government announcements, those suffering with even mild symptoms similar to those of coronavirus (a persistent cough and fever) should self-isolate for 7 days. This may mean your child having to miss school or nursery; please follow the normal absence reporting procedure and contact the school office on the first day of absence. Please do note that the government is not requesting whole households to self-isolate if one member of the household has a persistent cough or a fever. At some stage in the future this advice may change and should this be the case we will be sure to update you.

We understand, that you and your child, may be feeling very anxious. You may be feeling concerned about the impact of a possible future school and nursery closure on your child's learning, particularly if they are due to sit their SATS in May. Plans are in place to continue to support all pupils in the event of closure. These include contingencies should we need to close for a short period of time for a deep clean and for any longer term directed closures.

Should we need to close for a deep clean, or for any other reason, we will tell parents through our usual communication route (email and text message) advising both when the closure will take place and when children should return to school or nursery.

In the event of being directed to close by the government, we will ensure our pupils will have learning they can access at home. This may be online materials or paper based. Should your child not have access to a computer or the internet for any reason during any closure please advise us and we will despatch a package of work in hard copy.

Whilst we are sharing the above, please be assured that at the time of writing there are **no current indications that we will be closing.** Please continue to ensure that your child attends school or nursery as usual and follow

the advice on Public Health England's website should they become unwell.

We may need to contact you prior to, or during any period of school and Nursery closure. It is vital that we have up to date telephone numbers, addresses and email addresses for each of our students and their families. If you are in any doubt as to whether we have the correct information, please contact the school office to update us.

In the meantime please find links to the Department of Education below which will provide further and up to date information of the fast changing situation.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and nursery during this unusual time. If you have any concerns you wish to share with me please do not hesitate to get in contact.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>