

# St Nicolas CofE Primary School

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Head of School – Mr Jake Imrie

Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parents,

**Subject:** Coronavirus (COVID-19)

I am writing to provide an update regarding the current situation regarding the Coronavirus and St Nicolas School.

Last week, the Government moved from the 'Containment' phase to the 'Delay' phase. Whilst the Government have not yet advised 'social distancing', it is now appropriate to take measures to prevent unnecessary cross-contamination and to cancel some school events that are not urgent or can be rearranged.

We receive daily updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England. The current advice is that *'no school should close due to a suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus unless advised to do so by Public Health England'*.

I have split this letter into 3 sections: **Forthcoming Events; Social Distancing and Plans for the future.**

## 1. Forthcoming Events

Please see the below information regarding forthcoming events.

Dear Parents,

Please see an updated list of the events that have been cancelled. This has been updated since the letter sent home on Monday 16th March.

**CANCELLED-** All after school-enrichment activities

**CANCELLED** - Year 5 & 6 Life skills event at Liskeard Fire Station (17.03.2020)

**CANCELLED** - Year 3 & 4 Experience Easter at St Germans Church (19.03.2020)

**CANCELLED** - Preschool 'Stay and Play' session (19.03.2020)

**CANCELLED** - Mother Day Lunch at St Nicolas School (19.03.2020)

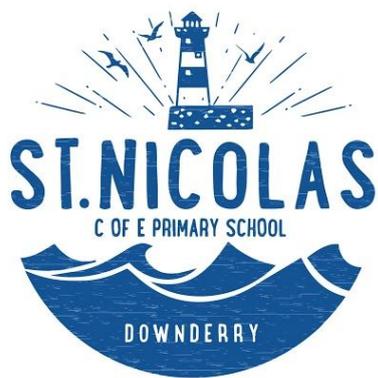
**CANCELLED** - Year 5 & 6 Theatre Visit - Plymouth (20.03.2020)

**CANCELLED** - Year 3 & 4 Swimming- Saltash (23.03.2020)

**CANCELLED** - Reception Pony Trekking (25.03.2020)

**CANCELLED** - Whole School Arena Sport Coaches day (26.03.2020)

**CANCELLED** - Year 3 & 4 Swimming- Saltash (26.03.2020)



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## 2. Social Distancing

The following measures aim to reduce as much as possible the close contact of children and external adults. These precautionary measures will be in place until the Easter Holidays, at which point they will be reviewed.

- Celebration certificates will be given out in class. Celebration assemblies which parents attend are suspended until after the Easter Holidays.
- Any visitors to the school will be asked to wash their hands using antibacterial sanitiser after signing in.
- Stay and Play sessions in Explorers Class are postponed until after the Easter Holidays.
- Pre-School and Reception children will be met on the playground each morning by their class teacher and teaching assistant. When the bell rings, children will be taken to their classroom from the playground. This is to reduce the number of external adults entering the classroom.
- All assemblies will take place in school rather than St Nicolas Church. This enables us to monitor the external visitors the children come into contact with during the school day more closely.
- Parents should consider elderly family members or those deemed vulnerable to infection. Where necessary, these family members should minimise contact with school, as appropriate.

## 3. Plans for the Future

Updated guidance from the Government states that those with a continuous cough and/or fever should stay at home for 7 days in self-isolation. Advice regarding self-isolation can be found on the NHS website using this link:

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

We remain open for all our children and staff and therefore, our usual attendance policy continues to apply. Arrangements for planned events after the Easter holidays will be reviewed nearer to the time.

