



St Michael and St Martin Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers

St Michael and St Martin Catholic Primary School's Coronavirus Anti-infection Spread Plan – March 2020

The UK Government recently moved from its 'contain' to its 'delay' phase, which introduced new procedures to help slow the spread of Coronavirus. In response to this, we have updated our anti-infection spread plan.

Our plan has two main aims; **to encourage excellent hygiene** and **to limit our community's potential exposure to the virus**.

Hygiene

- All the children have been taught to wash their hands correctly, they use warm water and soap to clean the front, back and individual fingers on their hands.
- Hand washing demonstrations and practice – NHS video on handwashing circulated and discussed in classrooms.
- We have stocked all bathrooms with soap and have put in place additional antibacterial cleaning of frequently touched areas, such as door handles, every day.

To avoid spreading infection, NHS advice is:

Wash your hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds and whenever you:

- get home, or into work or school
- blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- eat or handle food

It's important to use soap and water or a hand sanitiser.

Children at St Michael and St Martin School wash their hands:

- upon arrival to school
- after break and lunch time
- whenever they use the bathroom
- before eating
- if they sneeze, cough or blow their nose
- at other times as needed (with permission of the teacher)



Children are allowed to bring in hand sanitisers to school, and we suggest using them in *addition* to hand washing, not as a replacement.

Limiting our Exposure

Effective from **16th March 2020**, and until further notice, we will be implementing the following changes to the normal operation of the school.

- Spring Parents Evenings have been **cancelled**.
- If your child is experiencing a new, continuous cough **or** a fever (even if symptoms are mild), **they must self-isolate for 7 days**. These absences will be authorised.
- We will be **postponing trips**. We are making enquiries into new dates, refunds and so on.
- **Staff will not attend external training**.
- **Swimming sessions** for Year 4 are **cancelled** - effective immediately.
- **All Sports competitions and assemblies/liturgies are cancelled** including The Stations of the Cross at the Church.
- We will use screening measures (thermometer) if we are worried about high temperatures.
- **No volunteers** will be allowed in school. This includes reading helpers, parents or others.
- **No visitors or professionals** will come to school. This includes, but is not limited to, SEN professionals, or other planned visitors. Social Workers, for children known to their service, will visit away from the classrooms and limit their visits.
- **Breakfast and After School Clubs** will continue.

Possible Closures, and provision for children

In the event that we are instructed to close the school – specific work and online guides will be shared with parents via email.

Latest Government Advice

Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms

Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.

Read our [advice about staying at home](#).

Urgent advice: Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

Use the 111 coronavirus service

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Summary

We take the safety of all children and staff at St Michael and St Martin School seriously, and will always put them first in our decision making.

As the government and local authority send through any additional guidelines or advice, rest assured that we will act upon these promptly.

Yours sincerely



Mrs N Duggan
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