

# STANLEY PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL

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**A "Sense of Pride"**

Dear Parents,

As you will be aware, today the Prime Minister issued new advice to curb the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK.

At the current time all schools have been instructed by the Government to remain open to pupils.

However, in order to minimise risk to our pupils, parents/carers and all members of staff we have taken the following decisions:

- **Parents' Evening on Tuesday 17th March has been cancelled. Your child must be collected at the usual time of 3.20pm.** Your child will bring home the report that would have been shared at Parents' Evening. If you would like to discuss this with your child's teacher after the Easter break, please put a note in your child's home school book.
- **Spring Concerts on Wednesday 25th March and Wednesday 1st April have been cancelled.**

Please note that the planned trip to the Ecology Centre for 5P on Thursday 19th March will go ahead as planned. The children will be walking to the Ecology Centre with their class, and we will be the only school present for the duration of their visit. If you would prefer that your child does not attend, please email the school office by midday on Wednesday 18th March.

These difficult decisions have been taken to reflect the following Government advice:

- Citizens have been asked to avoid all "non-essential contact" with other people. This includes avoiding unnecessary travel, working from home where possible and avoiding pubs, clubs, theatres and other social venues.

In addition to this, the Government recommends:

- Entire households self-isolate for 14 days if someone develops a fever and/or a persistent cough

Further advice will follow for people with the most serious health conditions.

In school we are doing everything we can to protect our pupils and staff. We have increased supervised handwashing, and have reduced whole school assemblies so that only two year groups are in the hall at a time. Children are not doing any carpet activities and seating arrangements have been reorganised to minimise contact between pupils.

We ask that you follow Government advice by self-isolating the whole family if anyone in your household develops a fever or persistent cough, and also please ensure you notify the school office of your child's absence on the first day.

We are responding to the situation as it evolves, and will continue to adhere to advice and instructions issued by the Government via the Department for Education and Public Health England. The safeguarding of pupils is our main priority and should staff shortages become so acute that the school must close or partially close, I will inform you via ParentPay and the school website.

Thank you for your understanding at this difficult time.

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