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Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus (COVID19) - Update Advice and Information

You will have, no doubt, heard the latest government guidance from this evening's Prime Minister's broadcast regarding COVID 19.

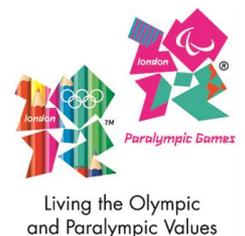
We wanted to update you on the information that is pertinent to all schools, and some of the additional precautionary steps that we are taking at John E. Batty Primary to comply with the latest guidance.

Latest Guidance / Information:

- If a member of a household exhibits one or both of the two symptoms - new, persistent cough; high temperature - all members of the household should self isolate for 14 days;
- Even individuals exhibiting no symptoms should cease non-essential social contact and non-essential travel;
- People who fall into the government's definition of more vulnerable groups (over 70s, those with underlying health conditions, and pregnant women - the latter as a precautionary measure only) should be largely shielded from social contact for around 12 weeks;
- Mass gatherings will not be supported by emergency services and will, therefore, be cancelled;
- All gatherings should be limited, where possible.

School closure is not a current measure but was outlined as a possible further step that may need to be taken at the "right time".

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It is still anticipated that most people contracting the virus will suffer mild or medium symptoms, if they notice them at all.

Confirmed precautionary steps at John E. Batty Primary:

- Cancellation of Y3/4 Visit to Ings Farm for Author Experience (20th March)
- Cancellation of the Easter Fayre (Originally planned for the 2nd April 2020)
- Cancellation of the Easter Service (Originally planned for the 3rd April 2020)

We will be now considering other planned events and school activities, and will inform you of any further changes to these as decisions are made.

I am sorry for the disappointment that this will cause to the children, but we can only assure you of our very best intentions towards the children and wider community at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Kitchen'.

Martin Kitchen
Head Teacher



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