



SAINT PETER'S METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs Kristina Dyer

17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am aware that a number of parents have taken the decision today and yesterday for their child to self-isolate. Please can I reiterate Public Health England guidance on self-isolation:

1. Try and keep two metres (three steps) away from other people - especially older people or those with longterm health conditions.
2. Make sure any room you are in is well-ventilated.
3. Ask friends and family and delivery services to deliver food and medicine - but avoid contact with them.
4. Sleep alone if possible.
5. Wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds on a regular basis.
6. Don't have visitors and ask people to leave deliveries outside.
7. Don't leave the house, even just for a walk.
8. Use separate facilities where possible. If sharing, these should be cleaned before use by others.
9. Use separate household items like towels, bedding, toothbrushes, cups and dishes.
10. Try to keep away from your pets. If you can't avoid it, wash your hands before and after contact.

I would like to confirm with parents how schools have been instructed to record absence.

Where a student is in self-isolation, in accordance with latest information and advice from Public Health England, the student should be recorded as unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances in the attendance register. Code Y (Unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances) will be used in this instance.

If a student does not attend school, despite the school operating as usual and against the advice from Public Health England, they should be marked as absent. It is at the discretion of the school to determine how this absence will be recorded. The school's current position is that if a parent chooses to keep their child off school who is not ill or against Public Health England guidance then the absence will be recorded as O (absence from school without authorisation).

Where a student cannot attend school due to illness, as normally would happen, the student should be recorded as absent in the attendance register and in most circumstances the school will authorise the absence. Code I (Illness) will be used.



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During the course of the school day, the school have also contacted parents to collect students that have a continuous cough or are complaining of a fever. The school will continue to do this.

There are also a number of other preventative measure the school has put in effect from today that will affect the day-to-day running of the school.

- We are limiting the number of external visitors to the school therefore apart from non-essential meetings we will not be routinely meeting parents. Communication will be via telephone or email.
- All whole school events, such as the upcoming Parents Consultation Evening on 25 and 26 March, will be postponed.
- Whole school collective worship will not go ahead
- All planned visits/school events will not go ahead.

Currently we have decided to **postpone** the following events:

Parent evening 25th/26th March
Class 3 worship for parents 19th March
Parent Council meeting 20th March
Assessment information talk for parents 20th March
Class 6 Walk for Water 20th March
Rainbow Class Teddy Bears Picnic with parents 19th March
PTFA non-school uniform event 20th March

We will continue to update you with any further cancellations to school events.

Please be mindful of the well-being of all of our staff at this difficult time, especially when questioning decisions; they are all aiming to do their best for all the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Kristina Dyer
Head Teacher