

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Daily Update 2pm 17/03/2020**

I would like firstly to thank you for your continued support. As promised, as a Trust and group of schools we are continuing to follow the directive of central government, which at the moment is for all schools to remain open. We will continue to update parents to give precise and clear guidance daily at 2pm as agreed and will also provide more information on school information systems and websites should the government give another late in the day briefing, as happened yesterday.

Last night's advice from the government stated that should someone from your home have symptoms of the virus, the household must self isolate for 14 days. Up to date advice can be found from Public Health England at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>. If you are feeling unwell or have a concern about an underlying health issue we ask that you contact 111 for their advice.

If as a family you make the decision to self-isolate, please advise your school immediately and continue to give daily updates so that we can ensure everyone's wellbeing.

**Please note that we are also asking parents not to come into the school buildings to ensure that we limit contact as much as possible in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.** All school visits have also been cancelled.

***Curwen Primary Information***

*Unfortunately, due to the advice that the government has given with regards to social distancing, we are extremely upset to have to **postpone** our planned events for International Week next week for parents. As you will be aware, the food competition which was due to be held on Monday has already been cancelled, but we have now had to re-think arrangements for Mini-World, the fashion show and Carnival. Following all advice we have received, it **will not be possible** to invite parents in for any events that we will be holding. Due to the amount of hard work the children have put in to preparing, we will still hold 'Mini World' and the Carnival and Fashion Show within school. The children will perform this to one another at the present time, and as the situation changes in the future we will look at providing opportunities for parents to come in and watch. We are deeply saddened to have to take this decision, and we know how disappointed all of our parents and carers will be too. We feel that at the current time that we have no other option.*

*We will also be postponing the election for a new parent governor at Curwen and we will rearrange as soon as possible.*

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

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