

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of Ecclesall Primary School

We are continuing to follow advice from the DfE and Public Health England and school will remain open until we are directed otherwise. We wish to keep the entire school community safe and continue as normal as possible.

As part of our efforts to keep everyone safe, we have decided to make some changes to our routines. This will help reduce the spread of COVID-19. This may change in the coming weeks.

- If you are dropping off your child, please do not arrive until 8.45am when the doors open. SLT will continue to supervise Junior children who are dropped off in the yard from 8.30am.
- Please leave the site promptly after collecting children at 3.10pm (INFANTS) or 3.20pm (JUNIORS). We ask that parents minimise the time they spend in school when dropping off. If children need to be taken into the classroom, please drop them and leave as quickly as possible.
- Reception/Y1 children: From tomorrow (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March) we would like you to drop off and collect your child from the Y1 playground and Reception patio outdoor area rather than coming in via the main entrance/other entrances.
- Y2 children: From tomorrow (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March) we would like you to drop off and collect your child from the Y2 classroom external doors rather than coming in via the Y2 main entrance.

Assemblies up until Easter holidays:

We are intending to reduce the numbers of children in any space at any one time to a minimum so assemblies will be circle time in classrooms only for the time being.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:

- CANCELLED: Y4 Football tournament
- AS PLANNED: Parents Evening: Strictly 10 minutes and arrive and leave promptly.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March:

- POSTPONED: Y1 Church visit
- CANCELLED: EPTFA Discos

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March:

- POSTPONED: Hedgehogs class assembly (future date TBC).
- CANCELLED: Y5/6 Football and Netball tournaments.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:

- POSTPONED: Y1 Phonics and Reading workshop (future date TBC).
- AS PLANNED: Y5 Easter Service (just for Y5 parents/carers/ families in All Saints church). Children in other year groups will not attend this service as they would usually.

Although school remains open staff have been working on contingency plans for a school closure should this happen.

As the situation is fast moving we have not made decisions about events planned for the summer term, residential trips etc. We are aware that uncertainty might be unsettling but given how quickly advice can change it isn't sensible to make decisions too early.

In addition to minimising time in school please do follow professional health advice if you have symptoms of COVID-19.

We are asking all parents of pupils in Y1-Y6 to ensure they know the login details for their child's Mymaths and Bug Club accounts. If you have questions or messages for your child's class teacher please e-mail [enquiries@ecclesall.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@ecclesall.sheffield.sch.uk). We endeavour to answer enquiries as quickly as possible; however we do expect to be very busy so responses might take longer than usual. As events move on we may need to make further changes to the school routine. We thank you for your support during this challenging time.

Kind Regards

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