



16th March 2020

Coronavirus
Important Information for Park Grove

I am writing to tell you about changes we are making at Park Grove to minimise the spread of the Coronavirus. At present we have no more information about possible closure and are following government guidance as closely as we can. However, there are things we can do as a school to help and this email sets out the changes for you.

Please help our staff by working with us to make the following changes. All changes are until further notice.

- All assemblies will be cancelled to avoid crowds gathering for a prolonged amount of time. Good work assembly is included. The children who were due to be in good work this Friday will receive their certificates once we resume assemblies.
- Afterschool and lunch time clubs which are run by our staff will be cancelled. Paid clubs run by outside providers are continuing unless you hear directly from them.
- Parents will not be able to bring children into school for drop off and early bird sessions will be cancelled. As from tomorrow (Tuesday) all children will be escorted into the school by their teacher. We have grandparents who do drop off and it really isn't fair to expect them to come into a busy school. We realise this will be a huge change for parents and children but we feel it is absolutely necessary right now to minimise any spread of the virus. All children should line up on the playground at 8:45 in their usual class places.
- Doors will be locked as soon as the children come in so if your child is late they will need to report to the school office.
- At pick up time Key Stage 2 parents should not come into the building as children can come down themselves. Please arrange a suitable place outside to meet your child.
- For Key Stage 1 and Early Years pick up, the children will be released from the four outside doors. Classes 2 and 3 from the Park Grove side and Classes 1 and 4 from the Lowther Street side. Please go to the door of your youngest child and we will make sure that any siblings from the other infant classes can also leave that way too.
- Sporting fixtures will be cancelled as of tomorrow.
- All 'stay and play' and 'stay and learn' sessions will be cancelled/postponed in Key Stage 1 and Early Years.
- No school trips will be organised under the present circumstances.



If your child is not well with either a high temperature or a cough they will need to stay at home for 7 days, in line with government guidelines. If they show these symptoms at school they will be sent home to protect the safety of others. Any child who is at home in self isolation because of symptoms related to the Coronavirus will be marked in the register as absent for 'exceptional circumstances'. It is really important that you do not bring children to school if they are showing any symptoms at all.

Thank you for your support.

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