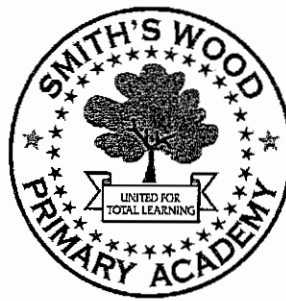


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Dear Parents and Carers,

16th March 2020

I am writing to you to update you on the school's perspective in relation to the current situation surrounding Coronavirus. As you are aware, advice from the Government is being given on a daily basis, in response to the pace at which COVID-19 is affecting the Nation.

At present, advice to schools is to remain open, but we are asked to do our utmost to slow down the process of the spread of the virus. With this in mind, we have implemented the following steps in school:

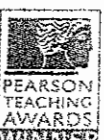
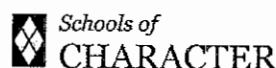
- Children are being reminded to wash their hands at several points throughout the day and the importance of good hygiene is regularly being shared and revisited in our phase assemblies. Additional soap resources have been placed in toilets and classrooms to ensure pupils can regularly wash their hands when instructed.
- The decision has been made, by the LA to cancel all multi-games sporting events, therefore if your child has been selected for any upcoming sporting fixture, these will no longer go ahead. Despite the cancellation of external sporting events, PE lessons and after school clubs at Smith's Wood Primary will still run until Government advice changes.
- Large whole school gatherings, where the whole school community of children are in one room, are being placed on hold. This is to minimise the close proximity of large numbers of pupils in our school. However, lessons will continue as usual, where children are only taught in groups of between 20 and 30 pupils.
- The school cleaners are acutely aware of the importance of deep cleaning any communal areas and additional resources have been stocked to ensure this remains a priority.
- Decisions on school trips and class assemblies, which are due to take place the week beginning the 23rd will be made by the end of this week, following any further guidance, however the Reception Mother's Day assembly, taking place on the 19th March, will still go ahead. The school will take measures to reduce the number of people in the hall, but as it stands, the Reception

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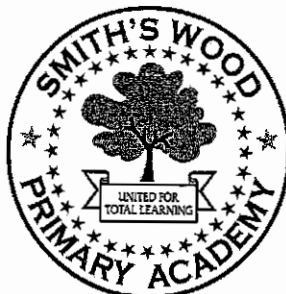
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children have been working hard and are looking forward to their parents seeing them perform.

In preparation of the school being forced to close by the Government decision, teachers of each year group have been instructed to provide packs of work, which can be undertaken at home. These packs will be available for parents, should they wish to have work for their child, if and when the decision has been made for the forced closure of schools. Relevant links for online learning will also be made available on the school website, organised into year groups. I would also draw your attention to the free resource, being offered by 'Twinkl' which is being made available, with no cost, for a month. Details for accessing this can be found on the school website and Facebook page.

If further advice for schools is issued by the Government or the LA, which require changes to our current, daily working pattern, then parents will be informed immediately. Until then, Smith's Wood Primary will remain open, offering its usual high standard of education for all our pupils. Please ensure that the school has your most up to date phone number, so whole school texts and updates can be disseminated swiftly. Updates will also be given on the school website and Facebook group, so if you have not yet joined the school group, this can be accessed by going on the Facebook page and the requesting to join the Smith's Wood Primary Academy group.

I appreciate that this is a concerning time for all of the community and I thank you for your support for the school at this time. In the meantime, we will continue to provide your children with the education they deserve on a daily basis.

Kind regards,

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