Tuesday 17th March

**News Update**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are continuing to follow government policy regarding school closures regarding COVID-19. Following last night’s update, we will continue to remain open but ask you as parents to also follow the guidance, in that if anyone in your household develops symptoms (raised temperature and continuous cough) then all family members to self-isolate (stay at home) for 14 days.

**What are we doing in school in the meantime?**

* All assemblies have been cancelled.
* All sports clubs and inter school competitions have been cancelled.
* All extra – curriculum clubs have been cancelled (Teddy Tennis, Teddy Cricket, Freestyle, Dodgeball and Cookery Club).
* Anybody entering the school to use anti-bacterial gel before entering.
* Childrens’ hands washed on entry to school and regularly throughout the day.
* All school trips have been cancelled or rearranged – see further details below.
* All OSSA events have been cancelled.
* All non-urgent meetings have been cancelled (SATs meetings, IEP meetings, SEN reviews).
* All music lessons have been postponed.
* Increase cleaning during lunchtimes and after school.
* We will no longer transfer forgotten water bottles or items to classrooms.

**What happens if the situation gets worse?**

As you can imagine, staff are also having to follow the advice given by the government and may have to self-isolate. In this instance, we will do everything we can to ensure children are in a safe environment. However, this may mean that children may need to be split up around the school.

In a worst-case scenario, a year group may be asked not to come into school or the school may need to completely shut. We will communicate through Parent Mail and through the School Jotter.

**What happens if the school closes?**

If the school closes, we have produced some ideas of work you can be doing with your children at home. This is not and exhaustive list and you do not have to complete everything. There are also some links to websites to give you further ideas. The staff are also busy preparing more individualised work for each year group, which will be sent home with your child if schools close. There are also links on our website of how to help your child at home: <https://www.oldstratfordschool.org.uk/about-us/curriculum/how-to-help-at-home> you will also be able to access work on your child’s year group page.

Unfortunately, as mentioned above all trips have had to be cancelled. This does have financial implications for the school, as we often heavily subsidise, and in some cases parents too. Where we can, we will be moving trips to the Autumn Term if a refund cannot be given but regrettably, some trips cannot be refunded. Please see the list below for your information.

Year 1 and 2 trip to Coventry Transport Museum – cancelled and non-refundable (£4.50)

Year 5 and 6 trip to Space Centre – cancelled and full refund.

Year 5 trip to Nene Water Centre – cancelled full refund.

Year 4 residential to Irthlingborough – possibly postponed until September (further information to follow).

Year 3 Caldecotte residential – postponed until September.

**Breakfast Club**

At the moment there are no plans to cancel Pacesetter Breakfast Club. Nevertheless, please be aware that the situation may change due to staff shortages. Therefore, I advise all parents to have contingency plans in place.

**Activity Club**

Again, this club will continue unless staff shortages prevent the club from running. Again, please ensure you have contingency plans in place if this club is to stop running at short notice.

Again I would like to thank all parents and staff for their patience at this difficult time. We will continue to update you as and when we receive new information but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Mrs K Sarbutts

**Activities to do at home with your children**

* Read every day for 30 minutes or more and try to complete the reading challenges.
* Build a junk model linked to something your child is learning about in school.
* Play a board game involving money.
* Write a story with the title ‘Escape.’
* Build a den inside and sleep in it for the night.
* Do a finger painting of an animal.
* Devise a quiz about the work you have done at school.
* Bake a cake.
* Look out of the window and describe what you can see.
* Practise your times tables.
* Practise your handwriting.
* Watch a documentary and write a newspaper report about it.
* Select a number – what could be linked to that number?
* Research an event linked to every year of your life – How will you present it?
* Create an indoor fitness circuit for your family.
* Design, make and eat a healthy family meal.
* Create a key for identifying birds you can see from your window.

You can find further ideas at:

[**https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary)

[**https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents**](https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents)

[**https://ttrockstars.com/**](https://ttrockstars.com/)

[**https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading/**](https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading/)

[**https://thereadingrealm.co.uk/category/resources/**](https://thereadingrealm.co.uk/category/resources/)

**Year 2 and 6 will also bring home some sample Sat’s tests to continue their practice.**