Monday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

While there have been no major changes within our school since my March 2nd letter, I wanted to communicate with you and share updates since that time. Although we continue to keep the school open for all our pupils it has been necessary to make a few precautionary changes to ensure we keep everybody in our school community safe.

From today, we will be cancelling any future assemblies and Walk In Mornings until further notice. We have taken this decision to reduce the traffic of people coming in and out of the school and to limit the amount of time that the children are in close proximity to each other in large groups.

OSSA have also taken the decision to cancel all future events such as Tuck Shop, discos, The Circus, Quiz Nights and any other future events until further notice.

It is with great regret that following the advice from the DfE, we have had to cancel the Year 6 Trip to France this year. This news has not yet been passed onto the children, giving parents an opportunity to talk to their children themselves if preferred. However, the children will be informed of the news tomorrow in school.

With regards to refunds for the trip, we have been unable to claim back the initial deposit from the tour company therefore at the moment, parents will lose their £50 initial deposit and the school will lose a substantial amount of the interim payment that we have already paid. Payments, other than the £50 deposit made, will be refunded on Parent Mail this week. However, the school is in the process of trying to claim the deposit back through the DfE but this may take some time due to the number of claims they are experiencing in the current climate. We will keep you informed of when and if the claim is successful.

With reference to any other trips within the UK, the advice from the DfE is to continue as normal but as a school in order to reduce the risk of financial loss to parents this will be monitored daily and we will let you know of any cancellations.

Today the DfE have advised that any staff or children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise, they should attend education or work as normal.

If staff or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they will be sent home. Please use the NHS link provided for guidance on self-isolation: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Sarbutts