



Dear Parent / Carer

It has been widely reported that the UK and Scottish Governments have moved to the 'delay phase' in response to the spread of Coronavirus. Therefore, I am writing to inform you of contingency plans for Our Lady of Peace if the Scottish government takes the decision of a blanket school closure. **I should stress that no decision has been made to close schools and we continue to operate as normal until we are told otherwise.** However, I thought it would be useful and reassuring for Parents / Carers to know we have plans in place to make sure our pupils have every opportunity to continue their education regardless of the circumstances we may face.

Our plans are detailed below:

- We will prepare appropriate learning activities for children to complete at home. These will be a mix of online learning and hard copies to ensure that those families who do not have any access to internet, will not be disadvantaged.
- We will issue all children with jotters, pencils, work activities as part of our Home Learning plans and these can be used in the event that the school is closed.
- This activities pack will be made available for collection in the event of school closure. A text will be sent to advise of collection arrangements. Please follow the school Facebook /Twitter and school website also as information will be posted, if necessary.

In order to support Government advice within school we are doing the following:

- Hygiene lessons with all classes.
- A continued focus on hand washing.
- Following NHS guidance :
 - Wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel, regularly throughout the day.
 - Catch your cough or sneeze in a tissue, bin it, and wash your hands.
 - Cough / sneeze into your sleeve if no tissue.

You can help at home be reinforcing these messages with your child/ren. This is good practice and will benefit pupils regardless of the current situation.

I recommend the following websites if you wish to remain updated on Covid 19:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/coronavirus>
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
<https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/a-to-z-of-topics/norovirus/>

We are changing forthcoming events in light of guidance as we want to ensure we are helping protect our community as well as our pupils.

So far, the following are cancelled:

- Mother's Day/Daffodil Tea by P1-3 on Thursday 19th March
- Science Centre trips on 25th March and 2nd April. Money will be refunded.
- The Scottish Country Dancing festival on Wednesday 25th March.

At this moment in time, Parents' Evening will go ahead as planned on 25th March. This will remain under regular review.

I will keep you update f the position changes. I thank you in advance for your understanding in relation to this evolving situation.

Kindest regards,

Mrs AM McDonald
Head Teacher