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Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As a school, the health and well-being of our children, parents and staff is of paramount importance. Therefore, after seeking advice and following Government recommendations regarding the current outbreak of the Coronavirus, we are planning to implement some changes to ensure we minimize risk to all of our school community.

As from today, all trips and events that are run outside of school will be cancelled. Clubs run by our own school staff (Mini Vinnies and Y6 Boosters) will continue as normal.

In addition to this, a significant number of our planned events over the coming weeks will be cancelled. These are as follows:

Wednesday 18th March: Y6 Inspire Workshop and Y2 trip to Cadbury World
Thursday 19th March: SEN Afternoon Tea
Friday 20th March: Key Stage 1 Mothers' Day Liturgy
Monday 23rd March: Parents' Evening
Tuesday 24th March: Vocations Mass at Holy Trinity church Newcastle, 7pm
Thursday 26th March: Recorder Festival at the Victoria Hall
Friday 27th March: Breakfast with Books (Reception class)
Sunday 29th March: Confirmation Mass for Y6 children
Monday 30th March: Swimming Gala
Wednesday 1st April: PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 2nd April: Easter Bonnet Parade (Nursery and Reception)

Assemblies for children will continue as normal for now, but parents will no longer be invited to Success Assembly.

The government are now recommending that anyone who is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus (a new persistent cough and/ or a temperature of 37.8° or higher) must self-isolate for 14 days, along with all members of the household. Please contact the school office at your earliest convenience to let us know if your child is displaying any symptoms. Your child and their siblings will be unable to attend school for 14 days, but this will not affect their attendance. If your child starts to show symptoms in school, we will need to isolate your child until you are able to collect them.

In the event of a school closure, work packs will be sent home with the children. For those who need to self-isolate, we are asking parents to access the Twinkl online site. In order to do this, you will need to log on to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer. Put in your email address and make up a password. State



that you are a parent and then use the code UKTWINKLHELPS to access a free account. On the Twinkl website, you will find lots of worksheets for children for all age groups to access. There is also an online games section: www.twinkl.co.uk/go.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding at this challenging time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Wilson,
Acting Head of School.