



Howard Primary School

17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: COVID-19 update

As we are all aware, the country is experiencing exceptionally challenging circumstances at present. As a school, we fully understand your concerns and wish for all our stakeholders to feel secure in the knowledge that we are following all the guidance and taking all the recommended measures from central government as well as our Local Authority to protect the health and wellbeing of our pupils and staff.

Following the most recent announcement from the government yesterday, the school has today made the decision to take the following precautionary measures:

1. All assemblies will be postponed until further notice.
2. Swimming lessons will be postponed until further notice.
3. All after school clubs will be postponed from Wednesday 18th March until further notice.
4. Parents evening will be cancelled today however you will receive your child's target sheets by email in due course.

Whilst there are currently no confirmed cases in school, we fully understand the need to be ready for a potential school closure. To address this need, contingency plans have been prepared and all staff will be preparing home learning resources to be available for your children. These resources will be prepared by individual class teachers to ensure that they are relevant to the year group that your child is in. The resources will include writing, reading and mathematics work and may also include mini projects connected to other subjects (e.g. Science, Art, History, Geography etc.). Some of the home learning will be done via existing online learning platforms such as Mathletics. Other resources will be made available to download from the relevant class blogs on our website. You can reach the class blogs by going to <https://www.howard.croydon.sch.uk/> and clicking on the class blogs menu at the top of the page.

Whilst we find ourselves in unknown territory at present as to how school life will continue over the coming weeks and months, we feel strongly that following the government guidance and being responsible by self-isolating if any symptoms arise is the very best way to minimise the impact of this virus. Schools have been advised that this will have no impact on attendance records.

Further updates will follow as necessary, however, if you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact myself or a member of our Senior Leadership Team.

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