



CHURCHFIELDS
JUNIOR SCHOOL

16th March 2020

Changes to school trips and activities

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to update you on the school's response to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak.

All pupils have been given advice on how to keep themselves safe and prevent the spread of the virus through appropriate hygiene measures. Pupils are washing their hands more frequently, including when they arrive in the classroom, before and after lunch. We are using the same soap as previously, however if your child gets sore hands from the increased washing, they can bring in their own handwash or moisturiser.

It is important that we act in a manner that reduces the probability of contracting and spreading the virus in the community.

We have therefore made a risk assessment and decided to cancel all planned educational visits and activities using the tube until September 2020.

Further measures to cancel the year 6 residential may be taken if the situation develops and there are staff shortages or changes in government guidance. We are consulting the Outdoor Educational Centre in Rhos-y-Gwaliau, about the financial implications.

The school will not be taking part in the Cross Country Competition on Wednesday 18th March nor the Brass Festival on Wednesday 25th March, to reduce the possibility of increasing exposure to the COVID-19 virus for our staff and children.

Year 5 and 6 parents watching the puberty DVD with myself on Friday 20th March 9am until 9:30am will go ahead as no children will be present and only a small group of parents have indicated they wish to watch the DVD. Year 6 watch exactly the same DVD as Year 5 as revision, so Year 6 parents may wish not to attend. This is the same DVD as we have used in the past. The content of the DVD is not related to the DFE's changes to Relationships Education from Sept 2020.

The Mother's Day sale on Friday 20th March will go ahead as planned.

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The orchestra performance on Friday 27th March and Year 4 Easter Assembly on 3rd April will go ahead for pupils but without parents as part of our risk assessment and proportionate preventative action to keep staff and pupils well.

The school will no longer be closed to pupils on Thursday 7th May 2020 as the London mayoral elections have been postponed until May 2021.

The school continues to be open as normal including before and after school clubs. Children should attend as normal unless they are self-isolating or you are given any other instructions by us. The advice given by the Government is for any person with a new continuous cough or a fever to self-isolate at home for seven days. Where pupils are self-isolating, the current advice from London Borough of Redbridge is that schools may authorise these absences, although we ask you to inform us in the usual way.

If pupils are self-isolating but are well enough to work we suggest reading, writing book reviews, writing a diary, maths challenge <http://churchfieldsjunior.com/learning/maths/> times table rockstars, <http://churchfieldsjunior.com/learning/maths-games/> online maths games, Y6 maths <http://churchfieldsjunior.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/KS2-Ultimate-3-in-1-Organiser-2017-Maths-SATs-2.pdf>, SPAG.com and completing maths work in their maths homework books. (For pupils who attend Lexia and numbots we also suggest daily work at home using these programmes).

We appreciate the trust and support parents have shown. Pupils are well, as shown today by 100% attendance in some classes and 94% attendance overall.

Thank you for your continued support.

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