

# Mengham Junior School

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18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the rapidly changing situation with regard to Coronavirus, we want to keep you updated with the school's current plans and the changes we have made to the coming weeks.

**Mother's day lunches: 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March. Both cancelled.**

**Year 6 Parliament trip: 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Cancelled.**

**Year 5 Ukulele concert: 27<sup>th</sup> March. Cancelled.**

## **Parents'/Carer evenings 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March: - Alternative arrangements**

In order to reduce social contact, teachers have been asked to contact you by telephone to give you a report on your child/ren's progress. **Please do not attend the school for your previously booked appointment.** Due to a limited number of telephone lines, you will be contacted by your child/ren's class teacher between the hours of **3:30pm and 6pm during the week beginning the 23<sup>rd</sup> March.** Please be aware, the call may be from a withheld number or Unknown Caller ID.

In the event that the class teacher is unable to reach you on their initial try, they will continue to try to make contact with you each evening that week. In the event that they have been unable to contact you by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, then alternative arrangements may need to be sought in order to share information about your child/ren's progress.

## **End of term assembly 3<sup>rd</sup> April: - Alternative arrangements**

**Parents and carers of nominees for end of term certificates will not be invited to this assembly.** We will continue to hold the assembly for the children and all certificates will be sent home. If your child was nominated or is the winner chosen for a particular category, a written reason for this will be provided to you with your child's certificate.

## **Further information**

### **School Structure:**

In the event of staff shortages, it may be necessary to collapse some classes and/or year groups. This may mean your child is taught in a different classroom by a different adult. If this is necessary, we will inform you of this by text message.

At Mengham Junior School we strive to be successful learners, healthy and confident individuals, responsible members of our community



**Key workers:**

It is our intention to remain open as long as possible. If schools are closed, then we would be taking advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England regarding any further support for children of parents in a key worker role. If you are a key worker can you please inform the school office via email by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March [adminoffice@mengham-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@mengham-jun.hants.sch.uk)

**Important Information from Public Health England**

**This guidance relates to those families who are self-isolating now or who self-isolate in the future and refers to ending self-isolation and household-isolation.**

Should a household member develop coronavirus symptoms late in the 14-day household-isolation period (for example, on day 13 or day 14) **the isolation period does not need to be extended, but the person with the new symptoms has to stay at home for 7 days.**

**Can we please ask that you contact the school on the day your child becomes unwell during the 14 day isolation period so we can track their 7 day isolation.**

The 14-day household-isolation period will have greatly reduced the overall amount of infection the rest of the household could pass on, and it is not necessary to re-start 14 days of isolation for the whole household. This will have provided a high level of community protection. Further isolation of members of this household will provide very little additional community protection.

At the end of the 14-day period, any family member who has not become unwell can leave household isolation.

If any ill person in the household has not had any signs of improvement and have not already sought medical advice, they should contact NHS 111 online. If your home has no internet access, you should call NHS 111.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support during these uncertain times.

Should any further guidance be released by Public Health England or the Department for Education, we will let you know.

Kindest regards,

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