

# Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

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## Upcoming Events

**9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March** – British Science Week

**9<sup>th</sup> March** – 9:05am Family Learning, Reading with your Child

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – 1:30pm Reception to Pork Pie Library for Spark Arts workshop

**16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March** – LENTEN FUNDRAISING WEEKS for CAFOD

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – 9:05am PGL Parents' Meeting (Year 5)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – 9:05am Nursery & Reception Mothers' Day Liturgy – parents welcome

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Crafts afternoon for parents and children – *come and join the fun!*

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – 9:05am RSE Family Learning

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – 1:45pm, Y3/4 Easter Play

**1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Year 5 to PGL residential trip

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Easter Holiday

Dear Parents and Carers,

Clearly we are in uncertain times at the moment with the spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus. I would like to reassure you that the school is following the advice coming from **Public Health England**, and from the **Department for Education**, about what steps to take in order to do our part in helping to prevent the spread of this virus. All schools are receiving daily updates from these authorities. It is important to remember that this virus is not serious for most people, including children. Most people who contract the disease do get better, and it is worthwhile reinforcing this message with your children so that they do not become unnecessarily alarmed or anxious about it.

Having said that we are preparing for all eventualities and, whilst there are no plans at the moment for schools to close in this country, we do need to be ready to manage that possibility. There is further information in the rest of this newsletter.

If you or your children become ill with symptoms then please stay home for the relevant period as per the advice; otherwise, children should attend school as normal every day. Thank you for your support with this.

**Ms Gail Neill**, Head Teacher

## Emergency Contact Details

It is important that we have up-to-date contact details for parents/carers of all the children in the school in case of emergency. We are required to hold two emergency contact numbers for each child. If you have changed your number recently, please let us know. Thank you.



Public Health  
England

### How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

### How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain



## How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it  
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it  
by washing  
your hands with  
soap & water or  
hand sanitiser

### You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks  
& sport  
activities



Before  
cooking  
& eating



SCHOOL  
ETC.  
On arrival at  
any childcare  
or educational  
setting



After using  
the toilet



Before  
leaving  
home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels

## What should you do if you or your children feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at school, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

**If you think you or your children have symptoms of coronavirus,  
call NHS 111 for advice.**

**Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information.**

## School is Open – *Business as Usual!*

At the moment advice to schools is to remain open as normal. If this advice changes, then parents will be informed immediately, so that arrangements can be made. At Holy Cross School, staff have begun the process of planning work packs and activities for the children to complete in the event that the school does have to close. We are also planning to get everyone signed up to See Saw which is a web-based system for communicating with families, currently used in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. It's a bit like a social media platform and can be accessed on mobile phones. Letters about this will come out next week, so you can sign up. The expectation would be that the children would continue learning from home, with regular remote contact with school teachers.