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Staffordshire
County Council

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the new measures put in place by the government yesterday, school has today put in place further procedures to ensure that we minimise the spread of the Coronavirus across our school and local community.

Any parent who decides to keep their child(ren) away from school for one of the following reasons, will now have their child's absence authorised.

- If they are displaying symptoms or have underlying medical conditions.
- If they or their family members have been told to self-isolate.
- Please note: exclusion periods for children with a temperature greater than 37.8 and/or a NEW continuous cough have been increased to 14 days.

Please inform us immediately if your child is going to be off, either by e mail or by phone.

1. All assemblies and Masses will be postponed until further notice.
2. All sporting events, parents' evenings, the Y3/4 Easter Production & fundraiser events have been cancelled; if possible they will be rescheduled for the summer term.
3. Staff are preparing for closure in terms of some educational activities for the children. These will be shared via ClassDojo, more information will be made available about this in the next day or two. However, staff cannot plan and prepare work for children off now AND for the classes still in school, so please bear this in mind if your child is currently absent. The children can still work through their homework books, as well as accessing the online apps that are available such as TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed.
4. Some people will potentially struggle with childcare if the school does shut. Have a plan ready. This may sound obvious, but as we've seen in other countries, closure has come quickly.
5. We are a community. We will still be part of that community even if the doors shut. Communication will remain open and if we have families that need help or advice then again, let us know by e mail.
6. Finally, please do try to avoid speculation in regard to families within our school community. This is not helpful to anyone and we certainly could not, and would not, comment on individuals anyway.

What we need you to do

If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via 01283 247560 or office@st-modwens.staffs.sch.uk.


Yesterday, I spoke to the children regarding our current situation in order to reassure them. Please continue to talk to your children about the coronavirus. It's a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. BBC Newsround has regular updates for younger children and YoungMinds has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety.

We will contact you if your child becomes ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough. We would appreciate it if you could collect your child immediately after being contacted.

The DfE guidance is updated daily and is freely available via their website <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

I will of course, update you as soon as further information comes through.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Read", enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Mr D Read

Acting Head of School