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## **SJSC: Coronavirus update**

Dear parents and carers,

We are working hard to make sure life carries on as normal as possible for our children. At SJSC we have a comprehensive action plan in place which addresses implications relating to the Coronavirus for the school and follows the government's latest advice which has been issued today. The current position is to continue with "business as usual" with heightened precautionary hygiene measures in relation to children, staff and visitors. We have also updated our school website with a page dedicated to information about our plans during this uncertain time. The page can be found under the "Parents" heading or [here](#).

Over the past week we have educated the children on good handwashing hygiene, and supported the children to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly.

As a precautionary measure, from today, trips (including swimming and sports competitions) will be cancelled until at least after Easter. Class assemblies and the end of term service for parents and carers are also postponed until further notice.

Moving forwards, it may be that we reach a position where we have a number of staff that become ill and/or have to go into self-isolation or government advice changes and we have to take a decision to close the school. Should we reach this point we will inform you via text, email and our website, no later than 7.30 am. This will be shared on our Coronavirus Information page on our website when and if necessary. For self-isolating children, links to educational websites will also be found on the website.

As mentioned in the letter on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Government and NHS advice now states: If you have a "new and persistent cough or high temperature" you should self isolate for 7 days. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If your child is going to be absent from school please follow the usual procedure of phoning the school office and leaving a message (option 1) and in line with current guidance, any child with a new and persistent cough, or a high temperature should self isolate and stay away from school for at least 7 days.

Thank you for your continued support,

**Joseph Bell**

**Headteacher**