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Dear Parents

Thank you for all your support as we all live through such unprecedented and challenging times. We are all doing our very best to support each other and keep our children, families and staff safe.

I am sure you have all seen the latest advice by Government and PHE, which we continue to abide by:

- Families with members who are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms should self-isolate all members for 14 days - dry cough and a temperature at or above 37.8
- If your child develops a dry cough or temperature above 37.8 we will contact you immediately and ask you to take your child home. Please note that your child will be isolated whilst they wait for you to arrive. Siblings will also need to be collected and isolated.
- Vulnerable members of society to isolate for longer periods of time
- We continue to maintain high levels of hygiene with frequent hand washing and tables sanitised in classrooms

We are struggling to obtain liquid soap and anti-bacterial cleaning products, although they have been on order for some time. If you have any you can spare we would very much appreciate them.

There will be an impact on staffing levels with these measures in place; we will keep you updated if levels reach a point where we need to consider closure, partial closure of some year groups or if numbers permit, joining classes together. We will not merge classes if numbers exceed 30 children in one class. Where staff members become unwell or are isolating, schools are not required to inform the parent community.

Regarding reporting children's absence - please email us (rather than call) if your child is going to be away from school. We have very few telephone lines at each site and it is becoming a real challenge to answer every call. If you don't receive a response to an email immediately, please forgive us. If, for some reason, your email doesn't reach us, we will always call you under our safeguarding policy to find out if your child/ren are coming to school. If, under government guidelines, you need to self-isolate you **DO NOT NEED TO CONTACT US EVERY DAY.**

If or when the school closes, we will provide home learning as stated in the recent communication sent out. Until then, we are unable to provide individual work; teachers send out details of learning each week in their email to you, please use these details to guide you.

In addition to yesterday's update about Collective Worship, we have now cancelled all class assemblies, those involved will have received an email about this.



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In order to ensure we are able to make contact with you please check your details are correct on School Communicator (you can log in and do this yourself so please do this rather than email office staff). Please follow us on Twitter (@twickstmarys), it is likely we will put short, "instant" messages on here.

We appreciate this a very testing time; we ask that you review our daily email before emailing in with any specific queries, as we hope many of them will be answered through this. All our previous letters sent regarding Covid-19 are available to you on a dedicated area on our website (<https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/coronavirus-advice>)

Staff and Governors urge parents not to fuel panic and rumour and try and ignore any communications - social media, or otherwise - that incite an already challenging situation.

I know as a community we will all come together with compassion and support of each other as we live out the true meaning of our school motto '*Conemur*', we will strive together.

Thank you again for your support and we will keep in touch.

Best wishes

Angela Abrahams
Headteacher