



Learning and Caring Together,  
“...they will flourish in the courts of our God.” (Psalm 92:13)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

**Re: Coronavirus Concerns**

As you will be aware, the government has escalated their response and published further advice for the coronavirus pandemic and I am writing to you to notify you of our response to this, with all changes to be in place from tomorrow, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020, and until further notice.

Our school remains open for children but all events and visitors into school will now be restricted, with the exception of Safeguarding or Health & Safety reasons. This will mean that all calendar activity such as our Special Ladies Afternoon Tea, our Easter Service at the church, swimming lessons, and trips etc. up to the Easter break will be cancelled. Celebration assemblies will continue internally but without parent/external visitor invites. I would appreciate you viewing the school calendar on our website to see all cancellations so that phone lines are kept available for sharing vital information and managing calls during this challenging situation alongside our every-day education and care.

Our restrictions include cancellation of all externally led after school clubs (Fusion Dance and Sporting Fit), music lessons in school with Becky and Kriston and Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Brownies groups. I am sure the providers will be in touch with you in due course too. Hockey and Choir will continue as these are led by St Edward's staff.

To provide continuity of education and care, we know that contact with parents and carers is pivotal. Face to face meetings will not be scheduled but if you need to speak with a member of staff, please email or call Mrs Leese ([d.leese@stedwardscheddleton.co.uk](mailto:d.leese@stedwardscheddleton.co.uk) 01538 714843 direct line) who will arrange necessary consultations as appropriate. As usual, you can leave messages at the beginning of the day and an alternative option is to write a message in your child's reading log.

You will be aware that the latest advice is for the whole family to self-isolate for 14 days should one member of the family show the symptoms of a new persistent cough and high temperature (37.8° and above). We would, therefore, not expect children in school who live in a household where this is the case. Please ensure that you make this clear when reporting the reason for absence as absences of this nature are coded as exceptional circumstances and will be exempt from usual attendance monitoring procedures.

You will also be aware that over 70s and adults with existing health conditions (especially heart disease, kidney disease, pregnant ladies and cancer patients) have been advised to isolate and distance for 12 weeks. I would strongly recommend that this advice is followed and family members and friends in this category do not drop off and pick up from school.

Many thanks for your understanding and for working with us. It truly is a time when we need to learn and care together as a community to ensure that we are all as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Machin  
**Principal**

