



Edenfield C E Primary School

Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 Update

As a school, the health and well-being of our pupils and staff remain a priority and we are continuing to follow daily advice from the government (DfE) and the NHS.

Whilst we are hopeful that school will remain open, any future decision will be based on DfE guidance and the safety of the school community. We are currently working hard to develop a planned response to the potential need for remote learning, and how we can best support our children in their school work.

In the light of recent developments, we have decided to postpone the following educational visits:

- YR visit to Manchester Runway Centre
- Y5 visit to Blackburn Museum
- Y3 visit to Chester Roman Dewa Museum
- Y6 visit to Stratford Upon Avon
- Y2 visit to Chester Zoo

Any payments, made to date, can be retained by school for the new proposed dates. However, should you prefer a refund, this can be arranged with the school office who will issue a cheque for the full amount. In the unlikely event that the visits do not go ahead before the end of the school year, full refunds will be issued.

The Last Choir Singing Heat scheduled for Monday 23rd March has also been cancelled although we have been asked to submit a video entry that will be judged against the schools in the remaining heats. This means should the final take place in June, we still have a chance to qualify for this.

The Y5/6 residential visit went ahead as planned as Tower Wood is an LCC centre which is following LCC and DfE guidance and we are reassured the children will not have any contact with the general public. The enhanced risk assessment will ensure rigorous levels of hygiene and a safe working environment for staff and pupils.

We have also made the difficult decision to suspend parent attendance at Family Worship until further notice. This is to reduce the footfall in school and protect those vulnerable to infection. We thank you for your understanding in this matter and please be assured we are very disappointed that we will be unable to welcome you into school each Friday as normal. It is also unlikely that our Easter Service will take place due to restrictions placed on churches.

Meanwhile, the government has updated its guidance on what to do if you, or your child, develops symptoms and this can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If your child develops a **NEW** or **CONTINUOUS** cough or **high temperature**, please do **not** send them into school, but keep them at home for a full seven days. Otherwise, your child should be in school as normal.

For now, we remain open, but we will continue to keep you informed of any significant developments that may affect your child. We are committed to providing the best possible education for your child in the weeks ahead and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

C. L. Garner
Headteacher