

Plumcroft Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers

Further to the updated advice from Public Health England and the Local Authority, we have reviewed all key operational aspects of the school so that we can ensure we remain open and fully staffed. The following adjustments come into immediate effect from 9am this morning on Monday 16th March 2020 and remain in force until the end of term on Friday 3rd April 2020:

- 1. Parents' Evenings scheduled for this week on Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th March, will be cancelled and rescheduled for dates in the summer term. We are a large school with over 850 children and so parents' evenings would mean a very large gathering of the whole school community. This presents an unnecessary risk given the current situation.
- 2. Assemblies will not take place during the school week, this will continue until we come back after the Easter Break. The aim is to minimise large gatherings in the confined space of the school halls.
- 3. All planned school trips have been cancelled until the end of this term and we will review planned summer term events and trips after the Easter Break taking into account the latest Public Health and Local Authority advice at the time.
- 4. Forest School will continue until further notice for classes at the Plum Lane Campus as the children walk to the activities that happen in the open air.
- 5. Forest School for the classes at the Vincent Road Campus will stop until the end of term. The reason for the difference in approach is that the children at the Vincent Road Campus have to use public transport to get to Forest School and it seems an unnecessary risk to confine large groups of children and adults on buses. We will keep this decision under review.
- 6. Weekly swimming lessons for Year 5 have been cancelled until the end of term. We use a private pool at the Shooters Hill Sixth Form College and they have cancelled all bookings until the end of term.

I will keep you updated if there are any additions or changes to the above. We have very good hygiene processes in place at school and so I would encourage everyone to keep calm and keep sending your children to school each day. The school website will have the latest advice and guidance and we will also keep our social media feeds updated.

Yours sincerely

Richard Slade Headteacher

