

Dear Parents / Carers

I wanted to write to you to tell you about what we are doing to help control the spread of COVID-19 and our response to other things that might be a concern to you.

The first thing I should say is that we are getting daily updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England, Dorset Council and Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole Council. We are also receiving a daily email from Reach South that is providing advice across the trust.

At this stage we do not have any confirmed links to the virus. We have one or two children who are off ill with colds or similar, this is perfectly normal at this time of year and at the current time we understand that parents are possibly being more cautious.

Whilst I understand that many of you are very concerned about this situation, I would ask you to try and avoid unnecessary speculation on what might happen. In school we are focussing on providing a normal learning environment, with more hand washing than is perhaps normal.

We are aware that some children are becoming a little worried about the virus. Teachers will be spending time discussing the issue with their classes using resources that are factually correct and supportive in nature.

I want to inform you of a few decisions that we have made today:

1. As of today we are postponing the Year 5 trip to Nando's next week.
2. We have also decided to postpone the planned PTFA Chocolate Bingo evening. As soon as we have a new date for this we will let you know.
3. The Coffee Morning has also been postponed and again as soon as we have a new date we will let you know.
4. Trips and events after the Easter break will be reviewed and you will be updated.

We have not taken these steps lightly, and hope that these actions will reassure you. The safety and wellbeing of your children continues to be our number one priority and we will continue to follow all official advice from Public Health England, the Department for Education, and our local councils.

If you have any concerns, worries or questions, please do contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V Buckland'.

Miss Victoria Buckland

Headteacher