

St Mary's Catholic Junior School

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London Borough of Sutton - Archdiocese of Southwark

Executive Headteacher: Mrs. S. Hulme



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17th March 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

Thank you all for being so patient and understanding at this time.

We would like to thank you for informing the school offices, by telephone and also followed up by written confirmation (school Policy) if your child will not be able to attend school.

Due to the safety of washing hands frequently we are aware that some children are experiencing sore hands. To assist with this, we have purchased hand cream recommended by the chemist, which can be safely used for all skin types, including those with Eczema. With this in mind we would ask all parents not to send their children in with any types of soap/hand cream. The cream will be available for all children from the school office.

Please see below information from the NHS website regarding symptoms that would require your child to stay off school.

Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms

Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.

Read our [advice about staying at home](#).

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

[Use the 111 coronavirus service](#)

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.

A link to the information on the DfE website is below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The London Borough of Sutton has a dedicated webpage on the Coronavirus

<https://www.sutton.gov.uk/covid-19>

We have received a few calls informing us of occasions where children have attended events outside of school, in this instance we would ask you to inform the parents via your own contact channels.

(Designated Child Protection Officers:

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Thank you in anticipation for your cooperation and patience during this time and best wishes to you and your families for keeping in good health.

Kind regards

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