



# RECTORY FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Due to the uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, we have made some changes to the normal running of our school. Please see the information below:

## **Derngate**

Following the cancellation of NPAT's The Merchant of Venice performance all tickets purchased for this event will be refunded. We will be arranging a new date for the performance in due course and will notify you of the details as soon as we are able. We anticipate this will be some time in the Autumn Term. Tickets will not be held over for the rescheduled performance. The Derngate will be sending details out shortly on how to obtain a refund from their box office. If you did not book tickets on-line, please contact the box office directly on 01604 624811 or email [BoxOffice@royalalndderngate.co.uk](mailto:BoxOffice@royalalndderngate.co.uk)

## **Visit to the National Gallery- POSTPONED**

Sadly, the planned trip to the National Gallery for Year 4 children is now postponed.

We are working with the National Gallery and we are hopeful to secure dates for late June or early July this academic year, situation permitting. These dates will be published to parents in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your continued understanding.

## **School Trips and Clubs**

We are postponing all other school trips. So far, we cannot give alternative dates, but when the situation improves and school returns to normal, we will rebook and keep you informed.

School clubs before and after school (except for breakfast and Reading Club) are cancelled.

## **Parents Evenings and IEP meetings**

Again, in order to minimise risk to all parties, these will be cancelled. In order to keep you informed of your child's progress so far this year, teachers will be sending out a progress summary during the last week of term.

## **Drinking Bottles**

Please ensure that your child has their own drinking bottle in school, which they take home every evening, to be washed. We will not allow children to use drinking vessels in school to avoid cross contamination.

## **Maintain social distancing**

Please avoid congregating in the reception area of school adjacent to the front office. This of course is to minimise the risk of spreading the virus. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

## **Coronavirus Story**

..... and lastly here is a link to a story for children about Coronavirus which teachers will be sharing with children over the next few days. It is worth watching as it explains things clearly and simply.

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Coronavirus-story-for-children-1.pdf>



### Home Learning

With increasing numbers of children being absent from school, teachers are preparing home learning packs. In Years 5 and 6 these are mainly online, and teachers will update work through the class OneNote (don't worry parents... the children have been taught to use this!). For all children without access to the internet, hard copies of home learning resources are available.

For all other year groups, teachers have prepared hard copy packs, which are available for collection from the school office. In the event of school closure, children will be sent home with their packs.

### Class Dojo

We know how effective parents find communication via the class dojo and in the event of a school closure; teachers will continue to use this as a vital link between home and school.

Warm regards

**Mrs Sarah Heslop**

**Headteacher**