

13 March 2020

Dear Parents

I am writing to you in the light of the new Government Coronavirus update. We are delighted that we remain open. However, in addition to washing hands at least 5 times a day and catching coughs and sneezes in tissues, the following new arrangements will be in place from today:

1. We are not going to have assemblies. Pupil of the week will be awarded in classrooms.
2. Sadly, I have decided to postpone parents evenings for this term as we wish to limit the number of additional people coming into the building. If you feel you need to speak to the teacher, please make a telephone appointment.
3. We will also cancel the Easter egg competition this year.
4. Children who win the Mastermind quizzes will be given a £20 book token rather than taking them to Waterstones in Durham.

Please adhere to Government guidelines for keeping your child at home for 7 days if they have *either* or *both* of the following symptoms:

1. **A new, continuous cough**
2. **A high temperature**

This is a difficult time for our country. We must be sensible and realistic whilst at the same time remaining calm for our children. I am sure I can count on you as a community to work with us to keep everyone safe. We will provide any further updates based on facts not rumour! Yesterday's ITV on-line post listed school closures from the past which caused concern amongst parents. Updates will be communicated directly from School using our website, text messaging service, our facebook page and email account.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher