



Sunday, 15 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus/ COVID-19 Update - please read - action from immediate effect

To support the delay of the spread of the virus, we have made the decision to ask all parents to allow staff to take the children from them from the front foyer. This will also be the same at the end of session whereby the children will be brought to the front door. We appreciate that this may be unsettling for some of our children but the child's key person will be there to support. For information we are also going to cancel any visitors attending the preschool until at least the end of term (Friday, 27th March 2020). Therefore, this will unfortunately result in us postponing parents meetings booked for this side of term and our planned Mothers play n stay will be cancelled on Friday, 20th March 2020.

The Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means children should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

You do not need to call NHS 111 to stay at home. If your symptoms worsen during your stay at home period or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

If your child is going to be absent then as per our normal procedure can you please leave a message on our answerphone (01322 275442) or email **stmarysunder5s@yahoo.co.uk** so we can monitor attendance in our registers. If you have any information that you need to share with us whilst your child is attending preschool then can we please ask that you email in order that any messages can be passed to your child's keyperson.

Current advice remains in place: no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. We thank you for your continued support.

The Staff and Committee of St Mary's under 5's Preschool

