

# DOTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents/Carers

While we remain open as a school, we are very conscious of doing all we can to reduce the risks to our community. For this reason we have made the decision to cancel or postpone a number of events and activities to minimise unnecessary contact with people:

- The Year 3/4 performance of the Jungle Book is to be postponed for the time being. We hope to be able to rearrange this for some point in the future. Please keep hold of your tickets!
- Parents' evenings for the 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> March are to be cancelled. It is our responsibility to report on your child's progress each term so rather than a face to face meeting we will be sending home a short report at the end of this term letting you know how your child is getting on in school.
- Friends of Dothill's 'Boozy Bingo' for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March is cancelled.
- Telford & Wrekin Council have cancelled the Cross Country event. We will arrange for refunds for transport costs in due course.
- We will not be holding whole school assemblies, children will have assemblies in smaller groups with their teachers.
- Planned school trips will continue as normal unless we are directed otherwise.
- There will be no changes to the planned school photo day at this time.

We are also updating our handwashing procedures and asking everyone to send in a clean flannel/cloth each day in a small bag for individual children to dry their hands on. This should go home each day with your child. You may choose to send your own small bottle of soap, though school soap is freely available.

If you are ringing to report an absence, please leave a message on the school answerphone to advise the name of the child, the class and the reason for absence. Please refer to the NHS website for advice about whether or not to send your child in or keep them at home. It is your decision whether to send your child to school, we cannot give advice. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We would like to remind you of the latest DfE advice. Anyone showing certain symptoms are now being asked to self-isolate for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. They should stay at home for 7 days if they have either:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough

They **should not** go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital, or contact 111 to tell them they're staying at home, and do not need to be tested. **Please appreciate that this advice is regularly updated.**

I will continue to keep you updated with any information I receive as soon as I am able. Please keep in touch with the school website <http://www.dothillprimaryschool.co.uk/> as this is the most efficient way of keeping you informed. Thank you for your support at this challenging time.

Best wishes

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