

The Ryedale Federation

Executive Headteacher – Mr Mark Mc Candless; Primary Director- Mrs Gill Hardacre
Secondary Director- Miss Dominica Wilkinson; Finance Director – Mrs Helen Coulthard



Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parent/ Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on The Ryedale Federation's position with the developing situation regarding Coronavirus. At present we are monitoring the situation daily through the DFE, Public Health England and Government websites, and are following all advice given. I would like to make you aware of the actions the schools have taken in response to the risks posed by the spread of Coronavirus:

- All visits and school trips that have been planned this side of the Easter holidays have been cancelled. We will review this situation as we receive further advice from the government.
- All Music lessons have been cancelled.
- All Sporting fixtures have been cancelled, including school swimming lessons.
- Parents Consultation meetings have all been cancelled that have been planned for this half term. (If you have any concerns regarding your child's learning please contact their teacher personally via their school email address- eg; lsmith@kirkbymoorside.n-yorks.sch.uk, lsmith@sinnington.n-yorks.sch.uk, lsmith@helmsley.n-yorks.sch.uk.)
- All external visitors, including all of our parent/ friend volunteers have been asked not to visit us.
- All PTA/ Friends/ FOSS meetings have been cancelled. (Easter Bingo etc.)
- All Easter services, both in and out of school have been cancelled.
- All After School Sports Clubs are cancelled (However, Clubs run by school staff will continue)

Please note that Before and After School Clubs will continue as normal.

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Keeping EVERYONE safe.

If any child has a fever, cough, difficulty breathing or is showing any cold or flu symptoms, he /she must stay at home, seek medical advice and not return to school for 7 days. Please contact school if this is the case. The safety of our school family members and the wider community is our concern. Parents will be contacted if a child displays any of these symptoms in school and will be asked to collect their child as soon as possible. We are asking children to wash their hands; before leaving home, on arrival at school, after using the toilet, before eating any food.

Thankfully the school community remains Coronavirus free. We want to take a sensible approach whilst being mindful of the current situation and daily developments. These decisions have not been taken lightly, but I hope we have your understanding as we aim to prioritise the safeguarding of our school communities. Schools would only close if there was a national directive to do so or we were advised to do so by the Local Authority. If we were given the directive to close the school, the staff are busy preparing packs of work for the children which will be ready for them to take home. We continue to respond to new challenges on a daily basis and follow government advice. Thank you for your support and understanding at this difficult time.

We will continue to keep you updated.

Kind regards

G Hardacre

Mrs G Hardacre
Primary Director

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