## **Horsell CofE Junior School**





17th March 2020

Dear Parents:

## **Coronavirus Update**

Thank you very much for your continued support as we work together to keep going during these challenging times. As you know, the latest government advice is that, from this weekend, people with certain medical conditions need to self-isolate. This guidance also relates to staff working in schools. Many of our staff are also parents and carers may have to go into isolation if members of their family become unwell. Obviously, all of this has an impact on staffing at Horsell Junior.

We are doing all that we can to keep the school open. This will mean, however, that different teachers may be working with your children and that certain activities, such as PE, swimming and cookery, might have to be cancelled at the last minute. If a significant number of staff are absent, there may come a point when we have to partially close the school. Should this happen, priority will be given to Year 6 and Year 5. We will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible and I ask that you regularly check Parentmail and the school website for updates.

We are unfortunately going to have to cancel all clubs from Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March run by HJS teachers until the end of this term. Mr Coles will, however, continue to run clubs. As yet, **external providers are continuing with clubs and we will let you know if this changes.** 

## **School-based Clubs**

Name of club	<u>Teacher</u>	
Origami	Mrs Shoberu	Cancelled until further notice
Choir	Mrs Bayliss-Hard	Cancelled until further notice
Film makers club	Mr Penstone	Cancelled until further notice
Girls football	Mr Dunsford	Cancelled until further notice
Tag Rugby	Mr Coles	Still running
Football Year 6	Mr Coles	Still running
Boys football Year 5	Mr Coles	Still running
Dodgeball	Mr Coles	Still running

Some lunchtime clubs may also be cancelled. Some Year 6 boosters have also had to be cancelled; Year 6 parents will receive a separate parentmail giving further details.

For children in isolation we have purchased some resources and we will be sending these out to families through the post as much as we can. We are also putting additional online links for learning activities onto the 'children's zone' section of our website. Teachers will continue to set homework.

I understand that parents have many questions but I would ask that, as much as possible, you keep looking at our website for updates rather than phoning the office as we are experiencing a much higher volume of calls than usual.

I will be sending out a daily letter to keep updated and I am at the school gate at the beginning and end of the day if you have any questions.

With very best wishes

Mrs C Wand Headteacher