



Thornhill Junior & Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers

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As a school it is imperative that we reassure our children and teach them how to manage this situation in a calm and effective manner. Lots of the 'panic' that we are witnessing in our community and nationally is unhelpful and causing unnecessary anxiety for lots of our children.

We will remain open, unless instructed by the Government to do otherwise. We believe that this is in the best interests of our children and families to ensure we can continue to educate your child(ren) as well as offer key information on how to protect themselves and others.

From today we are further increasing our preventative measures in school to try and minimise the risk of infection spreading. Following latest advice and putting the health and wellbeing of our children, staff, families and communities first, we have made the decision to cancel the following:

- All Class Assemblies, until further notice.
- All Achievers' Assemblies, until further notice.
- Thornhill's Got Talent.
- The KS1 Easter Service.
- The PTA Sports Relief disco
- Class Photographs.

In addition, we kindly ask that all parents remain outside the school building at the beginning and end of school day. Foundation Stage children will be handed over to parents via the class fire doors.

In the event of a school closure, we have clear plans in place and will provide more information at that time. In summary, Class Teachers will update their class page on a daily basis providing English, Maths and Topic work. Furthermore, links will be provided to useful websites and support resources. However, to reiterate, we are not at that stage and as far as I am aware, school will remain open.

We will try and keep unnecessary communication to a minimum and will only send information when we have further updates. Other useful information will be uploaded via our website/twitter.

We are here to support you and your child(ren). Please do not hesitate to contact me, or your child's class teacher, should you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Rowland
Headteacher