

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

As I am sure you are all aware, last week the Prime Minister and the Government announced that they have moved into the 'Delay' phase of the UK Government's plan to tackle coronavirus, COVID 19.

Whilst the Government has stated that schools are not being directed to close at this stage, the advice given may well impact on schools, including St. Andrew's.

Our aim at St. Andrew's is to keep our school open, however, the health and safety of our school community is paramount. Therefore, it is very important that everyone follows the most up to date advice, which is that anyone with 'a new, continuous' cough or a high temperature self-isolates for 7 days. More information is on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

Please do not send children into school if they have either of these symptoms and do not come to school yourself if you also have either of these symptoms. Anyone displaying these symptoms, including staff, will need to leave the school site as soon as possible. Parents and carers need to have plans in place to quickly collect their child if they are asked to collect their child from the school. We have to work together in order to reduce or slow down the potential impact of the virus.

Please be advised that we are following information and guidelines from the Government on a daily basis and I will keep you all informed of any changes or updates via our school website [www.standrewsprimaryschoolstockwell.org](http://www.standrewsprimaryschoolstockwell.org)

It is vitally important that the school has all of your up to date telephone numbers and email addresses, so please contact the main school office if you need to update any contact information. I may have to send out information with very little notice, so please look out for messages from the school.

Finally, it is very important that we all protect the children from worry and upset. We have been reassuring the children and we will continue to do this.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. Please rest assured that any decisions taken will be with the safety of our school community, children and staff at its heart.

Best Wishes,

Jayne Mitchell  
Executive Headteacher