

Upcoming events...



As of today – we are planning to cancel or postpone the following events and school activities to minimise the risk of infection:

- Year 5 Caving day – **Friday 27th March**
- Year 3 Swimming - **every Friday until after Easter**
- Freddie Fit day in school - **Tuesday 17th March**
- Parents' Evenings – **Tuesday 30th March & Wednesday 1st April**
- Easter Service – **Thursday 2nd April**

PLAYGROUND TOAST: We will continue to serve morning toast on the playground but the children and families will not be buttering their own toast –this will be served to the children by staff directly.

Chit Chat and Coffee Parents' afternoons are now cancelled until after Easter.

REMINDERS:

Please make sure that we have up-to-date contact details for your child.

If you have changed your details, please contact the school office either by phone on 0161 832 6637 or via the school email:

stphilips.ceprimaryschool@salford.gov.uk

If you have an email address that we could use to send work home in the event of a closure, please phone or email with your name, your child's name and class teacher and the email address you would like us to use.

DON'T FORGET... WE ARE WAITING FURTHER INFORMATION AT THE MOMENT WITH REGARDS TO FUTURE EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR AFTER EASTER.

SATS WEEK: 11th May – 15th May – We are continuing to prepare the children for the SATs and they are all working very hard to get themselves ready!

Years 3, 4 and 5 all have adventure days booked in... These may be subject to change.

Mental Health Week: 18th May – 22nd May

Health Week: 22nd June – 26th June – lots of sports and activities for the whole school

Diversity Day: 10th July – Celebration of our diverse community

There are more details to follow - via text, letter or through the website!



Half-Termly Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to write to you to keep you as informed as possible re Covid – 19 and the impact this has on your child at school.

We are continuing to take measures in school to prevent and manage the spread of corona virus, this includes the following:

- Staff and pupils are washing hands on entry to school, before lunch, after breaks and after visiting the toilet
- We have stopped whole school assemblies, including the celebration assembly on Fridays
- We are stopping the Chit Chat and Coffee sessions until further notice
- We are stopping the choir, Sparkle Group, Sports, Guitar, Drums and Ukulele Clubs after school
- We have cancelled the church service for Easter and any events that would have been held in Church
- Year 3 swimming has been cancelled until after Easter
- We are postponing school trips in the next few weeks
- We are stopping unnecessary visitors to school
- We will not be holding any parent workshops/assemblies or drop ins until further notice
- Parents' Evening has been cancelled until a new date can be arranged or alternative arrangements made
- Classes are having extra hygiene lessons
- Parents will be asked to drop their children off at the doors and not come into school. If you need to speak to the office, you will need to use the main entrance

If your child has symptoms of a new continuous cough or a high temperature, the government has issued advice that you should isolate them for 7 days, this means they should not leave the house. This action will help protect others in your community whilst your child is infectious.

At the time of writing this we have no plans to close the school. If we are instructed to close we will inform you as soon as possible via text message.

I know that you will have some questions and concerns and I hope that this information will go some way to answering many of these questions.

Yours sincerely,

Things you can do to support your child:

Our safeguarding team are on hand to support you and your child. You can contact them through the school office **0161 832 6637**. Our safeguarding team are **Ms Smedley, Mr Steadman, Mrs Taylor** and **Miss Kinch**. We also have three members of staff who are mental health first aiders – **Mr Davies, Ms Smedley and Mr Steadman**. They are on hand to work with our children if they need to talk.



Should school need to close or you are self-isolating, children can:

Practice on Times Tables Rock Stars.



Your child has a password and username that can be accessed at home!

Complete the pack of activities that teachers are sending home for your child.

A cover letter will be sent with all the details and information of what your child needs to do.



Useful websites:

Our school website will be updated with activities and links:

www.stphilpsalford.co.uk

Free access to online resources:

Classroom Secrets:

www.kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk

Twinkl:

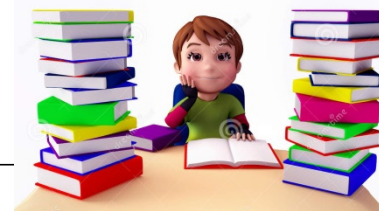
www.twinkl.co.uk/offer

Use the code: **UKTWINKLHELPS**

Read lots and lots at home!

Read a book that you enjoy, share a book with a family member.

Read your reading books.



This advice is for people with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), including those with a diagnosis of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, who must remain at home until they are well.

The main messages are:

- if you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, do not leave your home for 7 days from when your symptoms started (see ending isolation section for more information)
- this action will help protect others in your community while you are infectious
- plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure you can successfully stay at home
- ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home
- stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible
- sleep alone, if possible
- wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water, or use hand sanitiser
- stay away from vulnerable individuals, such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions, as much as possible
- you do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, contact [NHS 111 online](https://www.nhs.uk). If you have no internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999

Non-screen activities you can do at home

Pobble

25 ideas!

What can you do when there's no school and you're stuck at home? Here are 25 fun ideas to choose from.

1 How many different words can you make from the letters in this sentence, below? Grab a pencil and paper and write a list!

2 Thank a community hero. Think of someone that helps you in some way and write a short letter to thank them.

3 Get building! You could build a Lego model, a tower of playing cards or something else!



4 Can you create your own secret code? You could use letters, numbers, pictures or something else! Can you get someone else to try and crack it?

5 Start a nature diary. Look out of the window each day and keep note of what you see. Birds, flowers, changes in the weather, what else?

'Learning from home is fun'

Thanks!

6 Hold a photo session. Use a camera or a mobile phone to take some snaps. What will you photograph? Your pets or toys perhaps?

7 Build a reading den. Find somewhere cosy, snuggle up and read your favourite book!



8 Use an old sock to create a puppet. Can you put on a puppet show for someone?



9 Make a list of all the electrical items in each room of your home. Can you come up with any ideas to use less electricity?

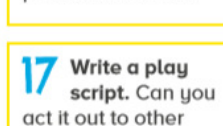
10 Design and make a homemade board game and play it with your family.



11 Do something kind for someone. Can you pay them a compliment, make them something or help them with a task?



12 Can you create a story bag? Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well known story. If you can't find an item, you could draw a picture to include.



13 List making! Write a list of things that make you happy, things you're grateful for or things you are good at.



14 Design and make an obstacle course at home or in the garden. How fast can you complete it?



15 Can you invent something new? Perhaps a gadget or something to help people? Draw a picture or write a description.



16 Keep moving! Make up a dance routine to your favourite song.



17 Write a play script. Can you act it out to other people?



18 Read out loud to someone. Remember to read with expression.



19 Write a song or rap about your favourite subject.



20 Get sketching! Find a photograph or picture of a person, place or object and sketch it.



21 Junk modelling! Collect and recycle materials such as yoghurt pots, toilet rolls and boxes and see what you can create with them.

22 Draw a map of your local area and highlight interesting landmarks.



23 Write a postcard to your teacher. Can you tell them what you like most about their class?

24 Draw a view. Look out of your window and draw what you see.



25 Get reading! What would you most like to learn about? Can you find out more about it in books? Can you find a new hobby?

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