

Dear Parent / Carer,

You will appreciate that this is a very uncertain time for everyone, in light of COVID-19. It has been widely reported that the UK and Scottish Governments have moved to the 'delay phase' in response to the spread of Coronavirus. Therefore, I am writing to inform you of St Francis' contingency plans if the Scottish government takes the decision of a blanket school closure. **I should stress that no decision has been made to close schools or nurseries and we continue to operate as normal until we are told otherwise.** However, I thought it would be useful and reassuring for Parents / Carers to know we have plans in place to make sure our pupils have every opportunity to continue their education regardless of the circumstances we may face.

Our contingency plans are detailed below:

- Class teachers will prepare appropriate learning activities for their classes. These will be posted on our school website (via our Class Blogs that are currently in use).
- We will endeavour to provide a home learning pack to those in attendance at the time of potential closure.
- The School Management Team will be regularly updating the school website to signpost families to educational resources suitable for children of both nursery and school age.
- Our nursery staff are currently producing Family Learning packs which will also be issued in due course.

Cancellation of events

On instruction from the Education Directorate we have cancelled our forthcoming Parent's Night and all upcoming After School Clubs are cancelled until further notice.

In order to support Government advice within school we are doing the following:

- Hygiene lessons: A continued focus on hand washing.
- Following NHS guidance: Wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel, regularly throughout the day. Catch your cough or sneeze in a tissue, bin it, and wash your hands. Cough / sneeze into your sleeve if no tissue.

You can help at home be reinforcing these messages with your child/children. This is good practice and will benefit children regardless of the current situation.

Updates will continue to be posted on our School website, via text or on twitter (@StFrancis_PS)

Our school website can be found at

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/stfrancisprimaryandnurseryclass/>

Thank you for your support during uncertain times,

Joanne Martin - Head Teacher