

# CALSHOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

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**At Calshot Primary School we are always AIMING HIGH!**

### Coronavirus Update

Yesterday I sent the letter out that explained that the self-isolation period for pupils is 7 days, I am sure you are aware that last night the Government changed this guidance to 14 days. Today we have had staff members who are not able to come into school due to family members that are unwell and they have had to self-isolate for at least 14 days. I am having to put in supply staff or other members of the teaching team in classes to replace them so lessons can continue. I feel this is the start of a long process but we will work together as a school so we can stay open and continue the education of our pupils safely.

This letter is being sent out to reassure you that whilst we are healthy in school we are now putting in measures to ensure that our children and staff remain safe and well in the current climate. We receive updates from the DfE daily and we have to act accordingly. With this in mind I have taken advice from Birmingham City Council and decided that trips need to be cancelled or postponed until we can guarantee the wellbeing of children and staff. I know these cancellations are a disappointment and it is with deep regret that I am doing it, but I hope you understand the logic of doing it now rather than later when refunds won't be available.

The Year 5 Woodlands trip is cancelled, the providers are not able to rearrange a suitable date for school or offer an alternative. They assure me the site is clean however do not accept any liability if any child or staff member becomes ill while on the premises. Government advice at this time is that social gatherings are to be discouraged and as pupils sleep in dormitories this would be difficult to accommodate. Parents who have already paid money for the trip will receive a full refund and will need to come to the main office to be reimbursed. Please understand the school does not keep large deposits of money on site, so returning money will take time.

The Year 3 Think Tank trip has been postponed until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. I'm hoping by then the Coronavirus threat will have subsided or disappeared!

Year 4 swimming lessons on Fridays are temporarily on hold, we are taking advice when it will be deemed safe for pupils to meet, change and swim at the public swimming pool. We will let parents know when pupils are to start bringing in their swimming kits again.

The Voting Day in school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May has been cancelled by the electoral commission, elections will now be held in 2021 instead.

The Year 2 trip to RSPB Sandwell Valley and the Year 4 trip to West Midlands Safari Park have been cancelled although we will try to rearrange them for later in the term and I will let you know accordingly. There are other trips booked and I will inform parents of the decisions we have made and whether they are able to continue when we know more information about each trip venue.

I've also informed 'Friends Of Calshot' that the school disco is cancelled on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. We have also cancelled the Mother's Day gift stall on Friday morning.

It is most important that we remain sensible about these matters and continue to do all we can to protect each other. Thank you for your continued support especially at this difficult time.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

