

# Edward Peake C of E (VC) Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## COVID-19

Schools have been told by the Department for Education that they are not to close unless advised by Public Health England. Please be aware however, that insufficient staffing levels due to illness may lead to school closure. This would be an extreme step, one that we do not anticipate having to make but it may be necessary to merge classes within year groups. We will take whatever steps necessary to allow the learning of the children to continue.

It is with great regret that due to the current circumstances, we are postponing the performances of 'Bugsy Malone' which were due to take place on 1 and 2 April. Please be assured that we will aim to perform this later in the year and will inform you of the dates when they have been arranged. Rehearsals for the rest of this term are also cancelled, but please use the time to learn lines, so we can be sure of a good performance. A big thank you to parents and carers who have sourced costumes - the cast looked amazing last week and I know some of you had costumes which were yet to be delivered.

### A reminder to parents:

**If your child shows the symptoms of a high temperature (37.8 and above) or a continuous dry cough, the WHOLE HOUSEHOLD must stay at home for 14 days from the start of the illness.**

If a child comes into school displaying either/both of these symptoms we will ring you and ask you to collect your child immediately. We are taking these measures to help delay any potential spread of the virus and hope that parents will support and understand why we have to make these changes given this unprecedented circumstance.

As I am sure that you are aware, the picture is changing on a daily basis, and we will update you as we are provided with further information from either the Local Authority or the DfE. Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Yours sincerely

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