



**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Dear Parent/Carers,

**COVID-19**

This letter is to inform you about the measures that Tarves Primary School and Nursery will be undertaking given recent developments with the spread of the Coronavirus, COVID-19.

We will continue to follow the appropriate guidelines from Public Health Scotland regarding how educational settings should handle the current situation. We are conscious of the potential for the virus to spread, and, as a result, we would highlight the most up to date Government guidance.

This states that pupils and staff must not come into school for 7 days from the point at which they first show any sign of one or more of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Shortness of breath

**Please note that the following events will be postponed with immediate effect until further notice:**

- Netball after school on Wednesdays.
- The Scottish Country Dancing Festival on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- Parent/Carer Afternoon/Evening on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March.
- The Book Fair (25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March).
- Primary 1 Fairytale Evening on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.
- Primary 2 Assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.
- End of Term Assembly at the Church on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

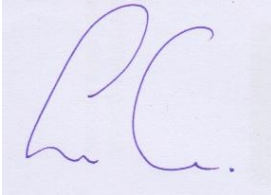
**Hygiene of everyone attending school is something we are taking seriously:**

- Our toilets are checked several times a day to ensure that there is adequate soap and tissues available for pupils to use.
- Pupils and staff are washing their hands with increased regularity throughout the school day, on arrival, before break, before lunch and before home. Pupils are also washing hands after using the toilet, messy play etc. as usual.
- Play activities in sand/water trays and involving playdough will no longer take place.
- Water bottles/cups are filled up directly from water fountains. Please ensure your child has a personal water bottle with them at school.
- All non-essential after-school and community engagement activities will be cancelled until further notice.
- Toothbrushing (Nursery) will be stopped for now.
- Our snack helpers (Nursery) will not prepare any food for the time being.
- We will not be issuing Library or reading books and would ask that these are returned this week, please.

Pupil progress reports will still be issued **electronically** on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure the email address we hold for you is up to date. Should you need to amend these details, please contact [tarves.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:tarves.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk).

We will inform parents/carers immediately should the situation change.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding at this time.

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Mrs Lara Conn  
**Head Teacher**