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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, the outbreak of COVID-19 / Coronavirus has been declared a world pandemic and the situation in the United Kingdom is being carefully monitored by the government with daily updates. As a school, we continue to receive daily updates from the government and follow their advice accordingly.

The guidance from the Government tonight (5.30pm -16.3.2020) states that their recommendation is that schools should stay open whilst pubs, theatres and public events should be avoided. It is recommended that people over 70, those with respiratory conditions such as lung disease, heart disease and diabetes should self-isolate in order to protect themselves and their families.

As a school we are concerned that the guidance does not seem to address schools directly. It may now be the case that we have to close classes or have partial closures for a period of time due to staff not being able to come into work in order to safeguard their own health and that of their families. Should this happen you will be notified via the school text system. If a class have to be closed we will provide work that can be completed at home should you wish to do this. We understand the pressure partial and full closures will place upon you as a family so do not insist that work is completed at home.

If as a family you choose to remove your child from school during this uncertain time you will need to be clear with school whether this is due to self-isolation from Coronavirus, general seasonal illness or a decision you have made due to your child's underlying health risk. If the latter is the case you will receive a safeguarding phone call each day due to our attendance systems still being put into place.

It is very important that you do not send your child to school should they have a new persistent cough or a high temperature over 38 degrees. If any member of the family is showing these signs you will ALL need to isolate for 14 days as a family.

I realise that this is a frightening and uncertain time for us all as the situation is developing quickly. Please be assured that we will do everything we can to keep any disruption to your child's education to a minimum.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely
Luci Windle
Executive Head Teacher

