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Coronavirus Update

16/03/20

Dear parents,

I want to keep you informed and updated about what we are doing in school. As the Prime Minister announced last Thursday, there will **not** be a blanket closure of schools at the moment and this advice hasn't changed over the weekend. We are in unprecedented times and schools will have a major impact on any decisions made, both locally and nationally. You will also be aware, from my communication on Friday, that:

If your child develops a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature they are to stay at home for SEVEN days. This means that they should not be leaving the house.

The Senior Leadership Team met this morning to discuss delay measures within school that will further protect children, staff, visitors and yourselves. We have made the following decisions:

- Parents' Evening next week has been cancelled
- Whole school assemblies are also cancelled until further notice
- All class Masses, Assemblies and the EYFS Mother's Day Assembly has been cancelled until further notice
- A thorough cleaning programme will continue to be prioritised by our cleaning team each day
- Lunch tables will continue to be thoroughly wiped down between sittings
- We will prioritise hand-washing demonstrations and practice with our pupils
- There will be increased adult supervision for children's hand-washing
- All visitors will be required to follow appropriate hand hygiene requirements upon entry to school
- School trips will be cancelled this side of the Easter holiday. More information will follow about summer trips.
- We will continue to use screening measures (thermometer) if we suspect high temperatures.
- Staff will be preparing homework packs should all schools be instructed to close by the government

- We have risk assessed swimming lessons and horse-riding for Year 3 and 4 and have decided to not to continue for the time being
- Currently, after school clubs are continuing due to the small size of the groups

We are taking these steps to try and delay/limit the spread of the virus and hope that you support and understand why these measures are being implemented.

These actions may need to change in the light of any development and we will keep you informed as and when they do.

We know there will be many more questions with regards to specifics such as, SATS, reimbursements for trips and potential school closures and we will address these in due course.

Again, please be re-assured that the DFE are sending daily advice through to head teachers and we will be following that advice.

PLEASE CHECK EMAILS DAILY FOR UPDATES

Yours sincerely,

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