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Coronavirus Update

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Dear parents,

We have all seen the latest government guidance yesterday/earlier this afternoon and we expect we will see further announcements in the coming days. We will certainly be in regular contact with you to ensure school is safe to stay open.

The Prime Minister was clear yesterday that people should work from home if possible, but he was also clear that essential functions need to continue, and schools are considered an essential function at this point. The government argues that the social impact of total closure outweighs the health risks of keeping the central points of our social fabric open. There is also deep concern about the care of our most vulnerable children and adults. This situation is having a huge impact on our school, our staff and yourselves. We are dealing with incredibly challenging situations each day when it comes to ensuring the well-being of staff and pupils alike.

However, in the meantime, we are doing all that we can to follow the government's advice in keeping school open and offer support to the families and children in our care until the government can announce its longer-term plans for schools.

Home learning packs

Staff have been working hard, to put together packs of work in the event of closure.

As we have seen a rise in the number of households who have been advised to self-isolate, home learning packs are being sent home tonight. Home learning packs will be delivered to families who are already self-isolating.

These include:

- 5 library books
- A topic related set of tasks
- Maths activities
- English activities
- A work book to complete tasks/activities in (all logins/email addresses are on the front of this book)
- (R-Y6) Logins for a variety of web-based learning sites
- Y6 have 10-minute booster books for Reading and SPaG
- A suggested timetable to structure a day at home

As well as using the usual social media communications, we have set up email addresses for you to contact our staff, in the event of a full school closure. On the front of your child's new workbook, you will see a list of logins, our social media handles and email addresses for the Senior Leadership team and your child's class teacher.

These will not be used until we have to close

Until then, please continue to use the school office to communicate with school.

I will send more information home tomorrow to explain how we aim to stay in contact with you.

In the event that school has to close, as a last resort, the communication mechanism will be:

- ☒ Text message home, followed by a more detailed emailed letter
- ☒ The school website will be updated
- ☒ The school closures section of the Council's website will be updated

The same lines of communication will be used for re-opening.

I thank you all for your support in these very difficult times.

PLEASE CHECK EMAILS DAILY FOR UPDATES

Best wishes

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and learn to love*