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Dear Parents,

As you will know the situation with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is changing rapidly. We are endeavouring to do our best to follow government and Public Health England guidance

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>) Specifically:

Self-Isolation

- **"If you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus (new continuous cough and/or high temperature), then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.** The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- For anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period. (See ending isolation section below for more information)"

Ending Self-Isolation

- "If living with others, then all household members who remain well may end household-isolation after 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day illness began in the first person to become ill. Fourteen days is the incubation period for coronavirus; people who remain well after 14 days are unlikely to be infectious.
- After 7 days, if the first person to become ill feels better and no longer has a high temperature, they can return to their normal routine. If any other family members become unwell during the 14-day household-isolation period, they should follow the same advice - i.e. after 7 days of their symptoms starting, if they feel better and no longer have a high temperature, they can also return to their normal routine.
- Should a household member develop coronavirus symptoms late in the 14-day household-isolation period (eg on day 13 or day 14) the isolation period does not need to be extended, but the person with the new symptoms has to stay at home for 7 days."

The Senior Leadership Team, Governors and Staff have all had meetings over the last 24 hours to discuss the school's response to COVID-19. Here are some further updates which serve to answer some frequently asked questions:

- 1) **Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs)** – these will be cancelled until further notice.
- 2) **Class Assemblies and WOW assemblies** – these will be cancelled until further notice.
- 3) **Collection and Drop off** – we are trying to limit day to day contacts; for that reason, we will be ending the practice of parents (and siblings etc.) coming into school on a morning with their children (EYFS / KS1). Please just drop the pupils at the door and do not come into the building or let your little ones in. If you wish to contact the class teacher about an urgent matter, please go to the office, or drop the teacher an email (teacher emails at the bottom of this message).
- 4) **Visits to school** – please minimize any unnecessary visits into school. If you do have to come into school for any reason, we are asking that you wash your hands upon arrival (disabled toilet on right hand side by front office). Thank you for your support in this.
- 5) **Clubs, Visitors and Visits** – clubs, trips, music lessons and other visitors into school will be cancelled until further notice. This includes swimming.

- 6) **Medicines** – if your child keeps an inhaler with them (or any other medicine) then please check this is in date. Staff will also be checking inhalers etc. kept in school.
- 7) **Work for children** – all staff will be creating ideas for ‘work at home’ during pupils self-isolation, assuming that they are well enough to be able to do this. This will consist of a range of tasks to keep children learning while they are at home. Please support us by engaging with these fully if your child is off ill or in isolation.
- 8) **In school actions** – in addition to the measures outlined above, we will be making a number of adjustments to our in school practices to try to reduce the potential for infection. This obviously includes following PHE's hygiene guidance etc.

Please be aware also that, whilst the school has EVERY INTENTION OF REMAINING OPEN if at all possible, we have a number of staff with underlying medical conditions who may need to self-isolate (or indeed, who may need to do so due to other family members developing symptoms), and, if we do not have sufficient numbers of staff to run effectively, the governors may be forced to close the school. This is our worst case scenario, but it remains a possibility so, in the interests of transparency, I feel obliged to share this potential with parents.

We will continue to send updates and guidance as this situation evolves.

Many thanks,



Rob Campbell

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We do ask that school hours are respected in any online communications, and also ask that parents understand that replies are unlikely to be instant.

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