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Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Coronavirus Plan

I wanted to reassure you of our preparations in school during the current coronavirus pandemic. We have completed a risk assessment to deal with an outbreak in our school communities. Staff have been sharing with children the importance of hygiene and effective hand washing and are giving constant reminders to pupils to wash their hands.

The current advice from the government in the 'delay phase' is for 'anyone with a "new, continuous" cough or high temperature to self-isolate for seven days'. Staff are already working on producing lessons via the learning platform Purple Mash and through class Dojos. All children have received their individual log in code. This will be used in the event that schools will be required to close. Please refer to email sent last week to parents with further details.

We will continue to communicate and update with parents via email and or text.

We now feel that it is necessary to put in place the following sensible measures over the next few weeks to limit non-essential visitors into school and we will review this when we return after the Easter holidays;

- No school assemblies for parents will take place i.e. Mother's Day and the Easter assembly will be cancelled
- Parents Evenings will be cancelled
- Whole school Mass will be cancelled
- Friends Coffee Morning & decorated egg competition will be cancelled
- After school Music Lessons will be cancelled but all other after school clubs will run as normal as these do not involve non-essential visitors coming into school
- All inter school sporting events to be cancelled
- Sacramental Preparation meetings for year 4 will be cancelled until further notice
- No show and tell or toys from home to be brought into school

In addition we will cancel the cake sale.

The water fountains will now be switched off. Children should bring their water bottles to school on a daily basis. They must be taken home every evening. Children are not permitted to drink from each other's water bottles.

Planned educational trips will be reviewed – each year group will be informed separately if a decision is made to cancel a trip.

Any visitors to the school will be asked to use the hand sanitiser or wash their hands with soap and water before going into the school building.

School **will only be closed** if one or more of the following conditions apply:

- Government directive from the Department for Education or Public Health England
- Staff shortage makes it impossible to open

If the decision is made by the Government to close schools, then the following steps will be taken;

The decision to close schools will be communicated to parents via;

- The school website
- Text message or email

Please continue to use the up to date information that is provided by the following websites regarding the current COVID-19 situation.

These official sites are important public websites so you can get the most up to date news, information and guidance to address any concerns you may have.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

As mentioned above, please be rest assured that we will continue to follow the latest guidelines and unless you are advised otherwise, please continue as normal in sending your child/children to school.

We will continue to update you accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Mrs S. Newton

Headteacher