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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the UK Government's advice, the School remains open. However, in order to minimise non-essential contact and non-essential travel, all trips, visits and events are now cancelled or postponed until at least the end of the term on Thursday 2nd April.

Other than drop-off and collection, particularly for our youngest children, we ask at this time that all parental contact with school staff is undertaken by e-mail and/or telephone rather than by meeting in person, although a number of staff will be present at the front of school at the beginning of the day.

The School's approach remains to continue to monitor the situation closely, adopting a calm, measured and informed response. The School will continue to follow national advice being issued and updated by the Department for Education, Public Health England and other relevant bodies as well as any local advice should that become relevant.

Our priority remains to ensure the health of our whole **community**, including children and staff.

You can read latest guidance for educational settings from The Department for Education and Public Health England here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

General public information and advice on coronavirus are updated daily at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

We ask that all families follow the latest advice to:

Stay at home for 14 days if you have either:

- **a high temperature**
- **a new continuous cough**

Other people living in the family home should also stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person displayed symptoms.

This will help to protect others in your community while you are infectious.

Inform the School.

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

People who are self-isolating with mild symptoms will generally not be tested for coronavirus.

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Whilst we cannot be certain, it now seems likely that, as has been implemented in a number of countries, schools in the UK will be required to close at some point in the future. We are continuing to plan for this contingency and how we would seek to ensure continuity of education for the children.

We will seek to achieve this via Tapestry for children in nursery and reception, through Class Dojo and Seesaw for the rest of the school. Parents should therefore check that they and their children have access to the relevant sites. If parents have any queries, they are advised to contact the School.

For most schools, the provision of remote learning is generally new territory. It is important that all of our expectations of this approach are realistic and to acknowledge the challenges and teething issues that may be presented by any new approach. We will be sending out some home/school learning packs with additional information soon.

Children are continuing to receive guidance, advice and reminders on the importance of good hygiene, particularly in relation to regular handwashing. This is being done in an age-appropriate, calm and reassuring manner. We understand that some children may be anxious about the situation.

Thank you to parents for their calm and supportive responses to the current situation.

It would be helpful if parents could continue to keep us informed of family circumstances particularly where family members may be self-isolating or diagnosed with coronavirus.

Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the School.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Jane Mullarkey
Head Teacher