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Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus – COVID 19

You will be aware of growing concerns regarding the increase in cases of the coronavirus – COVID 19 in the UK. As a school, we have been acting on advice from Public Health England and the Department of Education, and will continue to action their updates.

The instruction from the government yesterday was that schools should remain open and we will be following that. We have, however, looked at what we can do to reduce any potential risks for children, staff and parents. We have reluctantly made the decision to postpone a number of key events. This is to reduce the number of people the children and staff come into contact with and aim to therefore reduce the risk of children and staff developing the virus. From today, the following events will not go ahead and will be reorganised at a later date.

- School trips which have been planned for this half term
- Swimming lessons
- Parents evening
- Attendance assemblies
- Class assemblies
- Sports competitions against other schools on and off site and the Trust Olympics
- Fiver Challenge for year 5's

I know this will be disappointing for the children but we feel we have to put their safety first.

In addition, there is new guidance today which is advising that you or your child should stay at home for 7 days if you have either and /or

- **A high temperature**
- **A new continuous cough**

This is only for the person who is showing these symptoms. Shortness of breath is also a symptom, which could be a sign of the coronavirus.



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Further guidance is available at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please follow the normal procedures of phoning school to inform us of any pupils who are unwell and not attending school.

If your child or a member of your household tests positive for the coronavirus, you should self-isolate for 14 days. If you have travelled to category 1 countries (see guidance online) in the last 14 days, you should self-isolate for 14 days, even if you have no symptoms. Please keep the school fully informed of any travel plans you have. Further guidance can be found at

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

If you are in any doubt about whether your child should be in school, please phone us first and we will advise you whether you should bring them in.

If your child does not have any of the symptoms above, we advise you to continue to send them to school. We are taking advice on a daily basis from Public Health England and the Department for Education. We will communicate updates to you through parent pay and group call text only. **Please ensure that the school is made aware of any email or phone number changes you make.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school offices.

Thank you for your continued support

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