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### CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to government updates provided late yesterday afternoon, I write with further information regarding the current coronavirus outbreak.

In light of on-going developments, the government guidance for education settings now states the following:

- ***Staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal.***
- ***If staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home.***
- *Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using your standard cleaning products*
- *Supervise young children to ensure they wash their hands for 20 seconds more often than usual with soap and water or hand sanitiser and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues*
- *Unless directly advised to close by the local Public Health England Health Protection Team, we recommend all education settings remain open.*

We will continue to follow this issued government guidance and would like to highlight the first two bullet points to you specifically, for your information.

In addition (linking to the first bullet point), the advice from the government now states that households should self-isolate together for **14 days** if one or more member is unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature. Updated advice also states that everyone should stop unnecessary contact with others and unnecessary travel. In response to this, as a school we will be taking the following further actions:

- Swimming sessions for KS1 for the rest of this term are cancelled. The remaining sessions will either be refunded or rescheduled.
- The additional parent meeting regarding the KS2 residential due to take place on Thursday evening is postponed. The presentation and kit list is available under 'Letters to Parents' for those who wish to take a look. We will keep you updated regarding plans for this visit as the situation evolves.
- Parent consultations planned for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March are postponed. Please do keep your allocated appointment time; new dates will be set in due course and the times will remain the same.
- The Easter Service will not take place in Church on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

We are sorry for the inconvenience and disappointment caused by having to cancel or postpone these events but feel this is the best course of action for our school family and the wider community at this time to help prevent the spread of infection.

Please keep us updated in relation to any situations of self-isolation or diagnosis so that circumstances can be monitored and statistical information reported to the Local Authority as required.

Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any further queries. We will of course continue to keep you updated as required.

Kind regards,

Mrs Martin