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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware the situation concerning the coronavirus outbreak continues to develop.

I am aware that this is a very concerning time and the situation is developing on a daily basis. Therefore I wanted to update you as to the school's current position.

We continue to follow the DfE guidance, supported by the Local Authority. Information can be found at <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

For now, we are trying to maintain business as usual and keep disruption to our children's learning to a minimum, whilst playing our part in preventing the spread of infection.

The focus on hygiene continues, with regular, rigorous handwashing and regular cleaning of the school, targeting key areas multiple times throughout the day.

A planned KS2 visit to Perry Wood Care Home on 27th March, as part of our service project, will be postponed for the protection of all. There are no other trips scheduled before the Easter holidays.

We have also decided to postpone the KS1 Sharing Assembly that was scheduled for next Friday morning at 9am, the EYFS Community Coffee and Cake Session and the Values Workshop that were scheduled for Friday 27th March due to the fact that we cannot predict what the situation will be by this point. We would rather go ahead with these important and special events under more certain circumstances, so that they can be enjoyed by all. New dates will be provided in due course.

There are currently no plans to do so, but should the school have to close due to government direction at any point, plans are in place to be able to provide a range of home learning opportunities. We will of course keep you informed about any developments.

We would appreciate it if you could keep us updated in relation to any situations of self-isolation or diagnosis that may occur as the situation develops.

Government advice was updated yesterday to include the following:

If you have: a new continuous cough or a high temperature (37.8 degrees or higher), you should stay at home for 7 days.

A reminder about the DfE helpline: 0800 046687.

Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any further queries.

Kind regards,

Mrs Martin