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Dear Parents,

Re: Coronavirus COVID - 19

As I am sure you will know, the government announced yesterday that they have now moved on to the 'delay' stage of their plan to combat the Covid19 virus. This means that anyone, children or adults, with a high temperature or cough are to self-isolate for a 7 days. At the moment this does NOT mean that unaffected other family members should also be isolated, although the government have indicated that this advice may change to include the whole household isolating themselves where only one person has symptoms. The NHS website offers more detail about the virus here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

School Closure

As time goes on, one of the options open to the government to delay the peak of the virus is, as has happened in other countries, to declare a blanket closure of schools. We are mindful of the educational impact this might have on pupils. To mitigate this we are purchasing workbooks (Maths/English) for children to work through, along with further tasks that can be carried out at home. These will (hopefully) be issued to all children next week in readiness for a potential closure.

Along with governors we have also been attempting to legislate for the vast number of scenarios (or combinations of) that might affect our day to day operation and may even force a short term closure, for example:

Absence of key staff (eg Teachers, Designated Safeguarding Leads, first aiders, etc) either through illness or self-isolation and/or disruption to school services (e.g. school meals, cleaning arrangements etc.).

Please be aware that this may also affect our ability to run Breakfast and After-school Clubs.

Decisions will be based on the nature of the situation and risk assessment carried out on a daily basis. Where it is decided that closure is necessary, this will be communicated to parents directly and as soon as possible.

This is a highly dynamic situation and we will continue to adapt and adjust as appropriate. We appreciate your patience and cooperation in the coming days and weeks.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Tinker', written in a cursive style.

Dave Tinker

