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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Further to my recent letter and following the Government update yesterday, I would like to encourage all parents/carers to ensure that they act upon the advice given. Please take the necessary steps to protect you and your child and safeguard the school community by self-isolating. If you or anyone you live with has symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Further guidance can be found in the Government Publication **Stay at home: guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection** Updated 16 March 2020

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

It is important that you notify the school if your child will be absent due to a suspected or a confirmed case of COVID-19 as we are required to keep a record. In order to avoid a high volume of telephone calls, if possible, please continue to inform the school via email of any absence.

If staff members have to self-isolate due to showing symptoms, your child's class may be covered by a different member of staff. If a large number of staff are unable to attend school, then we may have no choice but to close the school to specific classes. This will be a last resort and something I hope will not happen.

We have been working on contingency planning, in the event of a school closure, to ensure the continuity of education at home. We will update you as soon as possible with arrangements. Some parents have been requesting homework for their children if they are self-isolating, we will arrange this as soon as we can. In the event of school closure, you will receive a letter from your child's class teacher detailing homework arrangements.

We hope that you can appreciate the reason why we had to postpone Parents' Evenings. We are aiming to reschedule them once the current situation has eased. We can then discuss the report you have received in more detail.

We will keep you up to date as best we can in this fast-changing situation, please be assured that information regarding closures will be sent to you as soon as we have any information.

Thank you for your kind understanding and continued patience during this time.

Kind regards,
S. Whelerton

