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Dear parents and carers,

**Re: Coronavirus/ COVID-19 Update – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

I am writing to update you on the school's situation in the current COVID-19 Pandemic. There will be regular updates and we will post these on our school website as well as notifying you by text that an update has been issued to all parents.

The current government advice remains that 'No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England'. However, if necessary and due to local conditions, headteachers may have to make arrangements for partial opening or total closure outside of the PHE advice.

If the situation arises where children cannot attend school, we will notify you immediately. This will only happen if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school safely.

We are sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are no immediate plans to close, but the situation is changing very quickly.

Please remember to follow the current and latest advice being given by the government agencies. Please see guidance below:

Latest Coronavirus advice:

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

Advice for vulnerable people:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

### **Additional Updates**

- There are no confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) at school
- There are a number of families and staff members who are currently self isolating as a precautionary measure
- We have taken the decision to cancel all school trips, weekly swimming lessons and social gatherings. This is to reduce the risk to our children and staff, and so that staff capacity can be prioritised for the day to day running of lessons during school hours.
- Most external visitors to the school have also been cancelled

The safety of our school community continues to be our highest priority and we will keep you updated with any new information as soon as we receive it.

Best wishes

Manda George  
Headteacher