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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Update on Coronavirus

I thought I should give you the latest update and current situation regarding Covid19. Unfortunately, there is little advice coming out for Headteachers. I attempted to phone the Department of Education hotline yesterday and was 156 in the queue! I must admit that I didn't stay on the line! I am sorry that we are making drastic decisions but keeping our children and staff safe is our priority.

The decisions we have made at school are as follows:

- All children who are displaying any symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. (This is up from the previous 7 days.)
- Any child presenting symptoms in school will be sent home, along with siblings.
- We request that children with underlying medical conditions be kept at home to protect themselves.
- Vulnerable staff have been told to stay at home (although trying to get my staff to stay at home is easier said than done!)
- All clubs have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.
- Music and Sports coaches have been cancelled
- Swimming has been cancelled
- The KS1 trip to the theatre has been cancelled.
- Easter Service, Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Movie Night have been cancelled.
- Mother's Day sale is cancelled.
- Forest Schools cancelled
- Staff are preparing work packs for children if we have to close on a long term basis. I have ordered revision books (with answers). This will also minimise the risk of the virus being returned to school when the books are returned. I have been told that the virus is transmitted on paper. We are also
- If we close, staff will keep you regularly updated through *Marvellous Me* regarding work for children. I will keep you updated about whole school issues.
- We will endeavour to stay open as long as I have staff and we are told to do so.
- School lunches will continue but they may be in a different format e.g. a lunch in a box to account for staff absences and minimise contact.

What we need you to do:

- Sign up for *Marvellous Me*
- Keep checking *Marvellous Me* for updates from staff and myself.

- Telephone the office if your child is sick or your family are self- isolating.

Thank you for your cooperation. These are unprecedented times but I have worked with my fantastic leadership team on contingency plans, risk assessments etc.

Please all stay safe and healthy.

Davina Clacy