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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update - 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from the letter I sent yesterday, school continues to review the advice from the government; at this time, school is to remain **open**.

I would however like to update you on some new steps that we have taken today:

- We have cancelled swimming lessons for Year 5
- All after school activities with the exception of After School Club with Mrs. Jackson have been cancelled
- Pregnant members of staff and those with chronic illnesses have been sent home

At this moment in time, we feel that school can remain fully operational with the current staffing levels however, some staff have had to be moved between classes.

As all teachers are entitled to 10% planning and preparation time, we are proposing that all teachers will take this time on a Friday afternoon; this step will allow school to remain fully open throughout the rest of the week. Parents will be allowed to collect their children from 1:15pm should they wish to do so, any children who are not collected will remain with other staff until 3pm.

What can you do to help?

- 1) If a child has a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature, then the child should remain at home for at least 14 days with **all** family members. Any children displaying these symptoms at school **will** be sent home.
- 2) If you haven't already done so, please can you let school have your email address. This allows us to email work home if your child is off or in the event that school is told to close
- 3) The most important advice that individuals can do to protect themselves remains washing their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Making sure you cough or sneeze into a tissue, putting it in a bin and washing your hands.

In the event that a significant number of staff need to stay off school, either to self-isolate themselves or care for their children, then it may be necessary to either partially or fully close the school. I want to reassure you that a decision to close school will **not** be taken lightly and will **only** be implemented to ensure the safety of the children – this is our number one priority.

In situations like this, when there are a lot of 'unknowns' it is particularly important that we continue to work together, in the interests of our children. We will react to any guidance accordingly and update you in the form of a text or letter, with this in mind, [please ensure that the School Office has your most up to date contact details](#).

I want to thank you for your support in this challenging and unprecedented situation.

Kind regards

Mr. M Thompson
Headteacher