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Coronavirus update – Action to be taken in the event of a school closure

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are continuing to monitor the constantly changing situation with relation to the Covid-19 virus. We know that many people have questions about why the government's response to coronavirus doesn't include closing schools at this stage. This measure may be introduced in the coming weeks or months, but the government has explained that it is important that it happens at the right time. This is to ensure that any measures are sustainable, to limit the impact of childcare arrangements on parents (particularly NHS and other frontline workers), and to enable schools to have time to look at alternative methods of teaching (e.g. using technology).

We fully intend to remain open until directed otherwise and are currently taking all precautionary measure possible to maintain the safety of pupils. These include:

- Regular handwashing (particularly at the start of the day, break and lunch times)
- Social distancing during break times
- Staggered lunch times and social distancing whilst eating
- Robust monitoring of the health of pupils

Currently, any families who are self-isolating will receive a pack of learning via e-mail that the children can complete at home.

Should the school need to be closed, either due to low staffing levels presenting concerns for the safety and security of the children or due to governmental instruction, we will initiate the following measures.

- You will be notified by text message that the school is closing.
- Should the school require closure during the day, parents of children from Reception to Year 2 should collect their children directly from the classrooms. Pupils in Year 5 should be collected from outside their classrooms. Years 3 and 4 should be collected from the hall. Year 6 should be collected from the front office.
- If the school closes at the end of the school day, pupils will go home as usual.
- We will provide exercise books for the children to complete learning in. These books will also contain passwords for the children to access online learning. Additionally, pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 have their passwords for 'ReadingPlus' in their planners and should access this reading program online.
- We will send out learning to be completed at home within the exercise books via ParentPay mail. This information will also be available through the school website.
- Updates will be sent regularly with answers and feedback to the previous tasks set as well as new tasks to be completed for as long as the school remains closed.

Many thanks for your continued support during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

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