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Dear Parents,

You will be unsurprised that this newsletter will be dominated by information on the Coronavirus outbreak and our response to it as a school and a community.

I am sure you are aware that the government has now moved from **containing** the spread of the virus to **delaying** it. The intention is not to prevent the spread of the virus, but to delay its peak into the summer months whereby the NHS will be in a stronger position to deal with the peak and the warmer weather may slow transmission.

I have been in regular contact with Mr Bedford our Chair of Governors and we are contingency planning for various eventualities. A meeting is due to be held on Monday with Governors, to sign off the plan and as soon as it has been approved, it will be communicated to all of you via the website.

I am quoting the exact advice from the Government, word for word to avoid any error or discrepancy:

***“We are asking anyone who shows certain symptoms to self-isolate for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means we want people to stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.*”**

The symptoms are:

- ***a high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)***
- ***a new, continuous cough***

You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.”

So this advice stands for our school community at the moment, and the school remains open until either a Government order to shut all schools is issued, or staffing levels in school fall to such a number that we can no longer safely operate.

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If and when we get to the stage that children are self-isolating either because they have been in contact with a confirmed Covid-19 case or they themselves have been tested positive for Covid-19 it is vitally important that we are notified immediately. Those who fall into this category have a different absence code for registration purposes.

I am aware that many of our children, parents and families in general will find this an incredibly anxious period and we as a school will do all we can to support everyone at this time.

We have a number of events at the moment planned which involve gatherings of people. We have school plays, parent consultation evenings, SATs and residential trips. As things stand all are going ahead but I think it would be very wise to keep all options open at the moment.

For more advice please follow the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

As always, it is imperative that we have your up-to-date contact details (telephone numbers, email addresses) in order that you receive the information sent out.

Kind regards



Mr A Ferguson
Headteacher

DATES FOR DIARIES

Friday March 20th

Wednesday March 25th

Thursday March 26th

Monday March 30th

Tuesday March 31st

Friday April 3rd

End of Term – 3.15pm

KS2 Movie Night: 3.15 – 5.00pm

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Parents Evening: 4.00 – 6.20pm

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Easter Service: 9.00am

School returns on Monday April 20th