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Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents,

You may be aware of the Prime Minister's update this evening where new measures have been put in place.

At present, the most important update for us to consider is with regard to self-isolating:

If you or someone in your household shows symptoms of the virus: a new and continuous cough and/or high temperature, then the whole household should isolate themselves for 14 days.

Additionally, the Prime Minister has instructed us to avoid social contact and stop non-essential travel. For example, avoiding pubs, clubs, theatres and other social venues.

As a result, we are implementing part of our action plan whereby any non-essential visitors to school are asked not to come into school. With this in mind, we have cancelled or postponed the following events:

- Year 5 Bikeability
- Reception's Prayer and Liturgy on Thursday 19th March
- Star Awards and all other Prayer and Liturgies until further notice
- Mr. Sharrock's meeting with Year 6 parents
- PTFA meetings

I would be grateful if you could follow the following advice:

- If at all possible, avoid coming into school – either classrooms or to the office
- Call school or use the app to contact members of staff
- Use the <https://111.nhs.uk/> questionnaire before contacting school
- If you and your household need to self-isolate, please contact the office as soon as possible

At present, the Government have again reiterated the following:

"...the impact of closing schools on both children's education and on the workforce would be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be."

Therefore, at this current time, the Government are suggesting that schools will not close until absolutely necessary. We have no indication from any department as to when this would be.

We understand that this is going to be a very challenging period of time for our children and their families; please do not hesitate to contact us if you are worried or have questions. We will do our best to support you however we can.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Headteacher

