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Dear Parents

Firstly I should like to thank you for the many messages of support received. As you can imagine, this is a very busy time for the team and whilst we understand that parents may look to the school for guidance and support, we would ask that you keep up to date with official guidance published via the Government link sent out yesterday evening. Unfortunately we are unable to dedicate time to answering individual emails regarding COVID 19, however we will aim to address concerns via communication sent to all parents. This means that the senior team can focus on the safety and well-being of our children and staff.

In the light of yesterday's Government briefing, the senior leadership team have taken a number of decisions which seek to limit non-essential group activities in school. This means that large group activities will be avoided wherever possible and we aim to reduce the number of visitors on site. These decisions are as follows;

- All teacher led clubs are cancelled from tomorrow, for the foreseeable future. Outside club agencies, such as Andy Tucker, may choose to continue at this time. Parents must decide whether they wish to withdraw their child from the club and must communicate this directly with the provider.
- All whole school and key stage collective worships are cancelled from today. We are currently investigating ways of sharing Class Worships with parents digitally and will update you with information once this has been arranged.
- All sports fixtures will be cancelled.
- Parents Evening will be postponed and a new date arranged as soon as possible.
- Please could we ask that parents helpers do not come into school at this time – thank you.
- Swimming has been cancelled for the remainder of this term. We will reduce next term's payment to compensate for the two weeks lost.
- House music has been postponed until later in the academic year. We are unable to identify a new date at the moment. The children have been informed and we are proud of the way in which the children responded to this information.
- Please could we ask that parents avoid coming into school where possible. We would like to request that all parents encourage their children to come into school on their own and for parents to drop off at their usual entrance. We will, of course be on hand to reassure the children. After drop off and pick up, please leave the school site promptly. Messages for teachers should be left at the main office. Mrs East, Mrs Smith and Mrs Evans will ensure that messages are passed on.
- Please use the school office email or phone number to communicate with us, rather than coming into school.
- Staff are unable to meet with parents after school. Teachers will telephone parents should a discussion need to take place.

As you will appreciate, these decisions have not been taken lightly. Our priority will always be the safety of the children and staff.

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I should like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the new advice shared at the Government briefing yesterday;

Guidance on whole household isolation in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

- *if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started*
- *if you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community*
- *for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.*

We will continue to update parents regularly.

Your sincerely
Sam Porter

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