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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID 19

The guidance for managing the coronavirus outbreak is ever changing and evolving to 'take the right steps at the right time'. Daily press releases from our government means that people need to adapt and respond to the information quickly in order to carry out this advice.

With this in mind, I am writing to inform you of changes that will take place with immediate effect and those which I can foresee happening at short notice, at a later date.

As of Wednesday 18th March the school will limit all unnecessary, non -essential contact to help minimise the spread of infection for both children and staff. This means that:

1. All school trips have been cancelled until further notice.
2. All sporting tournaments and visits to local High schools have been cancelled until further notice.
3. All adult volunteers will be asked not to attend school until after the Easter break
4. Any non-essential visitors to school will be asked to postpone (Life Education Bus)
5. All extra-curricular clubs ran by outside providers have been cancelled
6. Swimming lessons will not take place until further notice
7. All extra-curricular clubs after school have been postponed until after Easter

I understand that the decisions made may cause some disruption, however the current situation is requiring constant review and risk assessment.

Situations that may occur at short notice:

At present, school is managing to remain open. Under the new government guidance, a number of our staff fall into the vulnerable group. This group have been strongly advised to distance for 12 weeks. Where possible, we will employ supply

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staff to fill the positions and move staff within school to cover. As you can imagine, managing the daily changes of staff who need to self-isolate, require isolation because of a family member and a number of staff who will be 'distancing' for 12 weeks will be an interesting challenge. I would like to assure you that school will do everything it can to remain open for your children and provide a teacher for each class. On occasions however, this may not be possible. In the event of limited staff members, the school may, at short notice, have no other option than to partially open to certain year groups only. When all options have been exhausted, only then will school close, unless advised to do so by the government.

Staff are currently preparing packs and looking at home learning resources to ensure that in the event of a school closure, your children can continue to learn. Could I please ask that all details and email addresses are up to date to ensure that if remote learning has to take place, you are able to receive notifications and updates?

Once again, thank you for your continued support and co- operation.

Kind regards

Mrs Michelle Warburton

