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Dear Parents/Carers

As promised we said we would keep you updated as soon as we knew anything.

It is challenging but we are all working extremely hard in school to maintain as much normality as possible. However, with the most recent guidance from the Prime Minister this is getting more and more difficult and I fear it may get worse before it gets better.

These are uncertain times for us all – so as I write this, we are concerned that it will be out of date before you read it. This letter is based on what we know this morning, please bear with us if by the time you get this the news has changed.

School will remain open

This is our intention until such a time that staff absence or confirmed cases of Covid-19 make it unsafe to remain open, OR the government announce school closures.

We may have to be inventive in class organisation in order to keep the school open as we have no idea when staff might be off. We may have to instigate partial closures with classes being off if a lot of staff become unwell. We will try to give you as much notice as we can.

Self-isolation

If your child needs to self-isolate please call school to report the absence on the absence line with our normal practice. Once we are notified of a 14 day self-isolation this absence will be authorised by school and classified as 'exceptional circumstances' this is in line with the guidance from the Department for Education. It will not be necessary to call each day. When leaving an absence message it is important that you do not just say 'unwell' please let us know of any symptoms or if you are self-isolating.

In the case of all other absence, please call and report in the usual manner.

Cancellations

We are cancelling all events in school which are to be held before Easter. Please see the list below:

Assemblies

Film Nights

All sporting competitions which take place at other schools

Swimming

Energise Club (held on a Wednesday after school)

Primary GALs Club (held on a Tuesday after school)

School trips

Parents' Coffee Mornings – held on Fridays

Schoolgateway

If you have not already downloaded the Schoolgateway app on your phone please do so. This is a free app. Once you have downloaded the app you will need to enter the email address you have registered with the school. Please then click on new user and a 4-digit pin will be sent to you via text message.

Once you are set up on the app go to the list of apps on your phone and highlight the Schoolgateway. If you then click on allow notifications you will immediately see any messages we have sent.

We will be using the text messaging service for any urgent information you might need.

Work for pupils

We will provide work for children who are self-isolating but please bear with us whilst we get this sorted. We will then arrange with you as to how to access this. We cannot get the work sorted straight away but will do our best to get it to you as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely

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