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Dear parent/ carer,

RE: Coronavirus update 17.03.2020

I write to you with updates and information with regards to the challenges we face with the coronavirus outbreak. Yesterday, the government outlined new advice which states:

- Anyone showing symptoms of a new, persistent cough and/or high temperature must take the decision to self- isolate for 14 days. If this is the case, then all household family members must also isolate for 14 days.
- If anyone has underlying health conditions, then they must think carefully about whether they should reduce all necessary contact and isolate.

At school, we are trying to make sensible decisions with regards to sending children home should we notice them coughing persistently and/or having a high temperature. We appreciate your support in the decisions we make for the good of the school's community.

I also understand and respect the decisions parents are making about keeping their families safe. We have a number of students staying away from school for 2 weeks because they have a persistent cough and/ or high temperature. At present we have not been informed of confirmed cases of COVID-19 at our school.

Some parents have enquired about home learning resources. Our staff have been working hard in creating packs so that students can learn at home, whilst they have also been planning for lessons they are delivering in school. Please be patient with our development in this area, as we want to ensure meaningful support for our students. The resources will be made available via ClassCharts, so it is vital that parents ensure that they have logins (please contact school if you have mislaid yours). Paper based packs will be available for those students who do not have access to an electronic device that is connected to the internet. We have identified those students without access through a parent survey conducted earlier this week. If you have not completed the survey and require a paper based pack, please contact school.

Where possible, we will keep the school open. However, staff shortages due to ill health or caring for unwell dependants, may result in partial or complete closure. At the moment, our staffing situation means that the school can be open.

We are living through unprecedented times that means that we can worry about what the present and future times hold. Our children will look to us to know how to react. Staff at school have been patient, calm, understanding and considerate. If you have personal worries, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to advise and help you.

I will continue to send updates as the situation evolves and government advice is issued. Please check text messages, the school website and our social media pages for alerts.

Kind regards,

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