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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times. Please see the information below, particularly about our changes to school routines until further notice after the government update yesterday.

We understand that many of you are feeling concerned about your children attending school if you hear that staff or children are unwell. Since general testing for the COVID-19 virus ceased, schools are unable to say whether staff or children who feel ill and self-isolate have the virus. We do not have any confirmed cases at the current time and will update you of any changes.

Although we have, like many other schools, some staff and children who are sensibly self-isolating, our school will remain open in accordance with the advice from Public Health England. We are receiving daily updates and will follow guidance as issued by the Department for Education and Government. There are lots of bugs of all types around at this time of year, and as you know, there is no longer coronavirus testing for most of the population, meaning that for all, we may have to self-isolate as a precaution, even if it probably is a more everyday illness.

We respect the decision and circumstances of each family; however, we ask that you let the school office know if your child is not attending school so that we have up to date attendance data to support our operational actions.

We ask that all children wash their hands with soap and water before leaving home and when they come back from school. We will also wash hands on arrival at school, before and after lunch. We will keep you all updated when we have any further information or guidance.

At the moment the guidance remains that staff/ children continue coming to school if they have not had the symptoms, and self-isolate if they have temperature and/or continuous cough for two weeks with everybody in their household.

In School Changes until further notice- URGENT

As you can imagine, this situation is putting the school under extra demand. We wish to keep school open as long as we can, so we are going to implement some measures to build in more capacity, and minimise larger gatherings. At this time, we are experiencing an increased number of calls to the school office – please can you ensure that you use the school website and the school's social media platforms to gain the latest information from the school. This will ensure that the school's phone lines can be kept free and





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school capacity to support is maximised. I do hope you feel this is a sensible approach and we very much appreciate your support at this time.

We are going to cancel extra-curricular before and after school clubs, and any large gatherings. Volunteers and visitors to school will also be restricted at this time.

We are now cancelling until further notice:

- Swimming
- Baking
- Gymnastics
- Choir
- Orchestra
- Football
- Tag Rugby
- Board Games
- Boosters
- Drop in's
- Drama
- Mad Science
- Commando Joe After school club
- Y1, Y2 & Y6 Assessment Evening
- Mother's Day Event
- Parent Evening
- Y2 Class Assembly
- Parent Forum Meeting
- School Disco
- Chocolate Bingo

We will inform parents of planned residential visits in the future once we are more aware of how things will develop moving forwards.

Wrap around care provided by Forest School, Lets Be Kids and Chapelford Nursery **will continue as normal until you hear from these providers directly.**

School Work

At present, the school is trialling how we are going to set online work on each year group page on the school website in case of school closure and this is being updated daily. We will update you with more information as and when this is ready.



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Tomorrow we will issue some support and guidance to parents in relation to Covid19 and supporting children at this time with the many questions that will occur over the coming weeks.

These are uncertain times for us all and our thoughts are with you, your families and the community at this time. We appreciate your understanding and support that we are currently working in new ground that we have not experienced before and our priority will remain, as always, the children, our families and our staff.

Kindest regards and warm wishes,

Joanne Hewson

Headteacher

