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Dear Parents

As you are aware, advice about how to manage the coronavirus pandemic is changing on a daily basis and we will advise you as often as necessary to ensure we are giving you the most recent information concerning schools, as we receive it from the DfE/local authority. Currently the advice is as follows:-

- **The school must remain open as long as we have sufficient staff to operate it safely.**
- **If anyone has a cough and/or a high temperature, the entire family must self-isolate for 14 days.**
- **Vulnerable people – i.e. people over 70, people with serious underlying health conditions and pregnant women are advised to self-isolate for 14 days.**

Therefore we are insisting that you do not send your children to school if they, or anyone who lives in your house, currently has, or develops, a cough/high temperature. We will request that pupils who come to school with coughs/temperature, or who develop these at school, are collected as soon as possible. They will be isolated in school until this happens. It is crucial that you inform the school if your child is self-isolating, or absent for another illness, stating the reasons clearly, so that registers can be coded correctly.

Staff will be spending as much time as possible planning for possible school closure/operating with reduced personnel. Please be aware that if staff become ill, or have to self-isolate, as is already the case in both schools, children may be taught by different staff and/or in different classes, to ensure the school can still remain open. We are waiting for further clarification on this in terms of permissible class size. Teachers will be planning/preparing work for children to do at home if the schools are closed/for pupils who have to self-isolate. As far as possible, work will be set on the school's website/Tapestry/electronically and will include links to useful sites. Therefore, we must know as soon as possible if your child does not have access to the internet at home so that we can make alternative provision. Please inform the school office as soon as possible if this is the case.

It is crucial that we can communicate with you by text/email if possible, so please ensure we have your details. We will continue to provide paper copies of letters to families who currently receive school information in this form.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Bates
Headteacher

