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Coronavirus Update.

Dear Parents/Carers

There is an increasing likelihood that there may be a period of closure for schools in the light of the Coronavirus Pandemic. As I'm sure you are all aware, we await further instruction from Public Health England as to when schools will be forced to close to ensure pupils, staff members and our families are put in isolation to contain further infection.

Please rest assured I will update you daily either via text, the school website or in a letter and we will continue to maintain our good daily hygiene routines in school. May I also remind you to support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection. The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough.

All the staff are currently compiling a bank of resources and learning tasks that your child will be able to complete during any period of closure. We will expect them to complete daily tasks, some on line if possible and other paper tasks alongside practical, family based learning. This week we will send home a named exercise book for each pupil, a pen or pencil and a ruler if necessary **for home use during any closure.**

Our main form of communication with you will be through our school text system and your child's 'Class Information' page '**Home Learning**' on the school website: Click on 'Children' on the top bar and then select 'Information' and then open 'Home Learning'.

Should you need to contact me during any school closure period, please may I ask you to direct message me via the e-mail ststephens@andaras.org and the school secretaries will forward it to me. Please let me know if you or your child/children fall ill with Coronavirus.

Although I know we will all do our best with regards to pupils' learning, I urge you strongly to put yourselves and your families first and take good care of yourselves.

Kind Regards

Maura Furber

