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Headteacher Ms Karen Martin



Wednesday 18th March 2020, 7pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Coronavirus – School Update

I am writing following the government update given this evening regarding school closures. The government announced that from Friday schools will be closed for the majority of children but will remain open for children of key workers and vulnerable children. As yet we do not have any information other than what was in the press conference. I will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

We have been preparing home packs just in case schools were directed to close and we will ensure everyone has access to these by the end of the week.

I know that some parents wanted to know the impact of the virus on our staffing numbers. In total we have 16 members of staff unable to come into school.

We currently have **six** members of staff self-isolating.

- one teacher as a result of a member of their family needing to self-isolate
- three teaching assistants as a result of a member of their family needing to self-isolate
- one member of the office team
- one member of our midday team

In addition, we have **ten** members of staff who are away from school due to being in one of the vulnerable categories or self-distancing following medical advice

- two teachers
- three teaching assistants
- three members of the midday team
- one member of the cleaning team
- one member of the pastoral and safeguarding team

I understand that these are worrying times for everyone but please be assured we are taking as many precautions as we can to try to help our school community stay well and healthy. These are unique circumstances and we are trying our best. Please be patient with us.

I would like to say thank you for your ongoing support and words of encouragement.

We are thinking of everyone, children and staff, who are unable to attend school at present and sending them our best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Martin'.

Ms Karen Martin
Headteacher



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