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Update on Coronavirus

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Government's briefing on Monday, I wanted to update you of all the changes that are now in place. Any child or member of staff with a persistent cough or high temperature will now need to self-isolate for **14** days. In addition to this, the entire household will also need to self-isolate. From the weekend, anyone with a health condition is also expected to self-isolate for 12 weeks. Please see the following document for further details:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Due to the measures being put into place we are anticipating that this may have an impact on staffing. If we do not have enough staff to cover classes we may have to partially close the school. I will inform you immediately if this is the case. Currently, the staff are doing an amazing job of covering any absences so that we can continue to run the school as normal.

For the children we are maintaining a calm, 'business as usual' atmosphere. They are still following their curriculum and timetables. I have stopped whole school assemblies and all non-essential meetings/visitors to the school and minimised the time that KS1 children are spending on the carpet. As an additional precaution, I have also postponed all forthcoming day visits including the Y4 Residential to Caldecotte, which will now take place in September 2020.

If we do have to close:

Should Government advice change and schools do close and/or it is not operationally viable for us to open, we are in the process of producing a simple package of learning for the children to access from our school website, Facebook page and via **Parentmail**. If accessing **Parentmail** or the school website creates potential difficulties for you, please contact the school office.

How can you help?

Please advise us if anyone in your household has travelled or is intending to travel outside the UK with details so that we can be proactive should that area be flagged by the Government.

Please advise of any updates to your contact details and get in touch with the office if you have any issues accessing **Parentmail**.

Please advise us if anyone in your household is displaying the symptoms of high temperature, breathing difficulties, and/or new continuous cough and please follow the self-isolation guidelines issued by the Government. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions or concerns that have not been addressed within this letter. We will inform you of any developments as rapidly as we are able to.

Thank you for your ongoing support at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Donoghue
Headteacher

