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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Covid-19 Update

In light of the latest guidance from the Government, I am writing to advise you of the current situation at St Paul's.

- Today we have 24 families self-isolating; some on the advice of their GP and others after completing the NHS 111 online assessment. The Government has introduced the following new guidance on whole house isolation in response to Coronavirus outbreak:
 - *if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started*
 - *if you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community*
 - *for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.*

The symptoms are:

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

The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found [here](#).

- To avoid unnecessary risk to other pupils, their families and staff, under no circumstances should any child feeling unwell be sent into school;



- We currently have 13 members of staff absent from school so are running the school with a reduced number of teachers and support staff.
- Any child who appears to be unwell or has a cough or raised temperature (37.5°C+) will be sent home;
- All absences due to self-isolation or where parents choose to keep their child at home will be authorised and coded 'Y' (unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances);
- All extra-curricular clubs, music lessons, whole school events, parent's meetings and assemblies have been cancelled for the remainder of this term. Until further notice, only essential visitors will be permitted in school;
- All PTA events are cancelled until further notice and the Travelling Book Fair will be postponed until later in the year.

If your child is already self-isolating, you will find a range of links to educational learning activities and games on our website:

[Reading, writing, spelling links](#)
[Maths links](#)
[Science links](#)

[ICT links](#)
[SATs practice links](#)
[Other links](#)

In the event that school should have to close, we have drawn up plans to provide work for pupils. We will use ParentMail to communicate with you during any closure.

Please note the following changes to the menu for next Monday and Tuesday:

Monday Pizza or Jacket Potato and Apple Cake

Tuesday Spaghetti Bolognese or Jacket Potato and Chocolate Cake

We recognise that this is an unprecedented and worrying time for everyone. Please be assured, we will continue to work very closely with staff from Walter and Meadow Nursery and follow the official guidance in order to try and keep members of our school community safe.

Yours faithfully,
Jubiarne Taylor
 Mrs J M Taylor
 Headteacher

