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Dear parents/Carers,



PARENTS EVENINGS

We have got parents meetings scheduled for next week.

In light of the Government announcement yesterday evening, we have decided to cancel Parents Evenings. The advice is to avoid any 'non-essential contact with others', at this moment we will hope to have Parents Evenings after Easter, however this situation will be dependent on the situation with regards to the Coronavirus. If we are unable to hold parents meetings, we will ensure you get a written record of your child's attainment.

ACTIONS WITHIN SCHOOL

We are risk assessing any events happening in school and have risk assessed any visitors coming into school. We will be cancelling the upcoming Easter Service, Gymnastics Centre, Swimming and Forest Schools. External sporting fixtures have also been cancelled. We will share information with you regarding these events as soon as we can answer questions surrounding refunds etc.

We are asking that parents do not come into the school building unless really urgent, we ask that in these circumstances you come in to the main entrance area and speak to office staff through the hatch.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Last week the government issued guidance with regards to sending your child into school if they appear unwell. The most common symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or high temperature. If one person in any household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days.

The government guidance issued yesterday stated:

- staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough
 or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend education
 or work as normal
- if staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home

You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation.

If symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, contact <u>NHS 111 online</u>. If you have no Internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Please make the school aware by phoning or emailing to explain that you are self-isolating your child. (These absences will be recorded as a 'Y' code, 'absence in exceptional circumstances' rather than a normal illness code).

Yours sincerely

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