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Dear Parents/Carers

You will have seen from extensive media coverage overnight that the Government has moved to the next stage of the national response to coronavirus (COVID19), where measures will be introduced to delay the spread of the virus.

The main outcome for us all was to require those individuals with confirmed or possible coronavirus infection to stay at home. Public Health England has issued guidance which is available online. The key message:

- if you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started.
- this action will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious.
- plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home.
- ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home.
- stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible.
- sleep alone, if that is possible.
- wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.
- stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible.
- you do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

The decision was made not to close schools in this country at this point. However, we have put some measures in place that will help our own community in the meantime. We have several staff members who may be vulnerable at this time.

- Parents' Evening has been postponed until after Easter.
- Volunteer readers and librarians have been asked not to come into school.
- There will not be any whole school assemblies. Each class will have their collective worship in their own classrooms.
- The Easter Service will not take place.
- Staff will be vigilant in making sure children wash their hands regularly.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation and understanding at this time. There will continue to be updated information and useful links on our school website.

Yours sincerely

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