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Tuesday, 17 March 2020

Dear Parents

Our primary aim remains to maintain the most effective provision in school for our children however, following the latest official guidance yesterday we must review our arrangements in order to reduce the risk to our pupils, staff and the wider community. We continue to coordinate with the Wingrave Pre-school moving forward.

The latest Coronavirus advice is as follows:

- People who have symptoms of coronavirus (persistent cough, high fever/temperature over 37.8°) are now required to self-isolate for up to 14 days
- Family or household members of those showing symptoms are also required to self-isolate for up to 14 days **regardless of their own symptoms** – this will be monitored for consistency across both the school and pre-school
- Non-essential travel and going to pubs, clubs and theatres etc. is discouraged
- Mass gatherings are discouraged and will no longer be supported by emergency services personnel

In light of these developments, the school will be halting all non-essential provision ahead of Easter which includes factors beyond our usual daily contact and setting. Lessons, outdoor activities, assemblies, playtimes and lunch arrangements will continue as normal, however:

- The Year 1 and 2 trip to Legoland will be postponed and we are coordinating with them on an alternative date.
- Year 3 Swimming lessons will be cancelled, effective immediately, until Easter when we review the decision with the latest information.
- The Year 4 Aylesbury Music Centre concert at the Waterside Theatre has been officially postponed and we will await alternative details.
- Sessions or workshops for parents will be postponed until after Easter when we review the decision with the latest information.
- Our Easter service in church will be cancelled. We will be holding an Easter celebration in school for the children and staff only.

We intend to go ahead with the KS2 Speech Competition Final on the last day of term but we will communicate specific arrangements to the parents of the finalists.

Obviously we are disappointed that the children will miss out on such opportunities for the time being however, in such unprecedented times we need to prioritise their health and well-

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

being. We will do everything we can in making alternative arrangements or seeking refunds where possible.

Any provision which involves external staff or personnel will continue for now however this will be subject to their procedures and any further Government advice.

If you are currently self-isolating or find yourself needing to in the next couple of weeks, please inform the school office so we remain aware. Understandably, the staff need to prioritise their time and energy for those children in our immediate care however, in the short term and if appropriate, those children at home should:

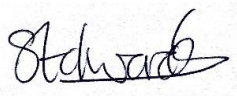
- continue to read regularly to an adult
- practise times tables and mental maths
- complete 'MyMaths' activities provided online
- write something brief each day; perhaps a diary entry, short story or description
- complete any outstanding 'Pick & Mix' homework activities
- continue with revision activities provided in Year 6

Further activities are being organised to provide for those families who will be absent from school for extended periods of time – these will be available next week.

Please continue to monitor what the children see or hear on the news or at home regarding the Coronavirus. The children have been reassured and spoken to in assembly this morning as some children have made comments in school which have been inaccurate or insensitive. This understandably causes additional but avoidable anxiety - I have encouraged the children to speak to a trusted adult if they are worried about something.

Please continue to contact me in school with any specific concerns or questions and thank you, as always, for your support and vigilance.

Yours sincerely



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