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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19 Government Update on Monday 16 March 2020

Yesterday (on Monday 16 March), the Government introduced new guidance on whole household isolation in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) 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**

Coronavirus/Covid-19

We want to ensure that you as parents/carers are kept as up to date as possible, so we will be sending regular updates as the situation develops. As you are aware, we are in an unprecedented situation and advice is changing daily. We are being as proactive as possible to minimise the risk and impact to our whole school community.

We have already taken the following precautions:

- ceased whole school assemblies
- implemented an extended lunchtime to minimise the number of children in the hall at one time
- ceased sharing of resources e.g. the wall bars in P.E. and pens
- explored home based learning
- reviewed options related to forthcoming trips and residentials

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As an additional measure, we will also be cancelling the following clubs from **Wednesday 18th March** to reduce the number of people coming into school from the outside community and to reduce face to face contact:

Monday

Coding Club
Construction
Cooking Club
Choir
Art

Tuesday

Outdoor Project
Rockademy guitar
Sama Karate

Wednesday

Football
Time to Dance

Thursday

Drama

Friday

Little Green Pig
Drama
Eco Council

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you for your continued support, as ever it is greatly appreciated. I shall continue to keep you updated.

Kind regards



Charlotte Bull
Headteacher