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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 16.3.20

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your continued support during these uncertain times. My previous letter, sent out on Friday 13.3.20, outlined school's plans regarding school closure, increased cleaning/handwashing and self-isolation. We continue to adhere to the DfE guidance, which is updated on a daily basis. The DfE Guidance (13.3.20) states – *'no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.'* In summary, the school will remain open until we are told to close. We continue to do a daily 'deep clean' of school resources and we continue to ensure increased handwashing of all staff, children and visitors.

'Community Gatherings'
Individual teachers (music, sports etc) will continue to visit school to teach the children, with the request that they wash their hands on entry into the school building and clean any shared resources inbetween classes. This will also apply to any agency workers and other visitors.

However, I have a responsibility to minimise the risk to our school family and also to minimise the risk to the most vulnerable people in our society (those who are over the age of 70 and those with underlying health concerns) Therefore, to limit the number of people entering school premises, I am cancelling and/or postponing any community gatherings/events/visits/visitors, until further notice.

- As you are aware from texts sent home today, parents' meetings will be held over the telephone, rather than in person.
- The School Games organisers have informed us today that all planned sports activities are cancelled until further notice. Therefore, we are also cancelling any 'friendly' sports events. This includes: Year 5/6 football (16.3.20), Year 3/4 cross country (19.3.20), Year 4 football (25.3.20) and any further events beyond the Easter break.
- The Chance Card trip has been postponed until further notice. Children selected for this trip will go at the next available opportunity.
- Music performances are postponed until further notice. This includes: Ukulele (17.3.20), Strings – both in school and Albert Halls performances (23.3.20) and Djembe and Choir (26.3.20).
- The PTA Easter Bingo (26.3.20) has also been cancelled. Therefore, our request for Easter Eggs and the non-uniform day for this Friday (20.3.20) have also been cancelled.
- The Friday tea parties will still go ahead but for children only. Invites to parents/carers will not be sent home until further notice.
- Forest School will continue as planned, but we will not be allowing parents/carers to join us for these sessions until further notice.
- Year 3 class assembly will be postponed until further notice.
- The Easter Assembly at the church on the last day of term has been cancelled.

We will keep you informed of any further developments. If you have any concerns or questions, please do contact the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Vicki Guest
Headteacher