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Dear Parents

Thank you for your continuing support and patience in this unprecedented situation. You will be aware that there has been an escalation in events and advice, and we are all working hard to ensure that the school remains open and running as normally as possible, in increasingly challenging and ever changing circumstances.

The *current* national advice is for us to remain open, and for everyone to follow the most recent guidance. In view of this, we are taking the following further measures from Thursday 19 March.

- There will be no further 'Friday Drop In' this term.
- The Easter church service has had to be cancelled.
- No visitors are permitted- this means there will be no whole class sessions from Ms Furnell (Music) or PE coaches until the end of term.
- Clubs- will continue to run where we can if school led. We have cancelled those run by external providers- Tuesday's athletics, Wednesday's KS1 multiskills, Thursday's Netball.
- We are putting together 'Home Learning' support for pupils who are currently off due to household self isolation, but who are not displaying symptoms (we don't expect pupils who are ill to undertake tasks)
- In addition, we are preparing Home Learning support for pupils in the event of school closure during term time.
- The Revd has informed us there will be no Messy church as planned.

Of course, we are continuing to implement the practical hygiene steps as required.

Please ensure that Mrs Rudd is advised of any changes to your contact details, if these have changed since September when we updated our records.

We are sorry for any disappointment caused to children or parents, but our priority is to protect the health of our pupils, staff and wider community, by doing what we can to prevent the spread of this virus.



We do have a number of pupils absent at the moment, some are generally unwell, whilst others are due to families following the government advice regarding symptoms, self- isolation, and vulnerable individuals.

We do urge all our families to continue to check updated, accurate information from the government / HPE and the NHS websites about what to do. By working together, in line with this advice we can be confident we are all doing all we can.

Please find below a follow up message about absence:

### **Self Isolation**

This guidance is frequently changing. Please check the government information for all the details.

### **Absences from school**

Thank you for keeping us informed. Please make it clear if your child is off because they are generally unwell or if you are self isolating them in line with the guidance.

If self isolation is the reason, we need to know what symptoms or reason ( eg vulnerable adult within the household) have led you to this decision.

These reasons are recorded differently for legal register purposes.

Please remember if you are self isolating in line with government and HPE guidance, then this is self isolation within the household.

Your child should continue to attend school if he/ she and the family are well and are not required to self isolate. We fully appreciate that parents may have some worries, and ask that you make a decision that is best for your family circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Watson  
Headteacher

