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Update following School Closure

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for bearing with us as the schools were deep cleaned today.

I write to reassure you that the parent involved is well, does not have Coronavirus and no one needs to fear that their child has been near the children concerned.

Of course, we know that people across the country are being affected by the virus and we can never be sure whether family members or friends will get it and pass it on.

However, you need to know that as a school we are doing everything we can to keep your children safe and well.

We will:

- Not be allowing visitors or parents into school. Activities and events in school have been postponed.
- Be keeping children in classes, rather than mixing groups for some lessons.
- Having lunch as a class – this will be in classrooms. The kitchens will provide a good packed lunch (pay online).
- Have class assemblies rather than whole school or larger groups in the hall.
- Have separate areas on the playground for year groups to minimize contact with children in other year groups.
- Have a staggered end to the day to minimize large groups of parents gathering. Year 3 will leave at 3.05pm, Year 4 at 3.10pm and Year 5 and 6 at 3.15pm. I ask that you practice social distancing and keep at least 2m away from other parents. Do not come onto the school premises too early. You could also arrange an off-site place to meet your child.
- Welcome children into school from 8.30-8.50am.
- Send children home who have a temperature of 38 degrees, a cough or who are unwell. You must self-isolate the family for 14 days if this is the case, as per Government advice. You will not need to worry about your child's attendance at the moment.
- Regularly wash all surfaces and disinfect toilets throughout the day.

Important information going forward:

- Angels' Breakfast and After School Club will close on Friday 20th March. The last day will be Friday. I also ask that if you can make other arrangements for your child before that, we would appreciate it. Staffing has become an issue as more adults need to socially distance themselves or self-isolate.
- We are preparing learning activities in the case of school closures being announced by the Government. **Please aim to provide your child with access to a laptop or Ipad as some of what we send will be internet based. This will be especially the case if school close for a long time, as in Europe.**
- Make sure the school office is updated with new telephone numbers and email addresses.

Keep yourself and your children healthy:

- Make sure you keep informed of the latest government advice.
- Wash hands regularly, especially after going to the toilet, before eating, after being out of the house, after handling things touched by other people.
- Eat healthily and drink plenty of water.
- Avoid contact with people, especially vulnerable people, if possible.
- Keep at least 2 metres away from other people.

I am sure you will agree that these are difficult times. We must all be patient and understanding and look after each other.

It is hard to please everyone in schools sometimes, but we are working to look after your children, look after the staff and cope with adults needing to self-isolate themselves.

Thank you for your understanding. Keep well!

Yours sincerely,

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