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Dear Parents,

UPDATED ADVICE ABOUT CORONA VIRUS

As you will know, the situation is changing rapidly and the Government updated their advice yesterday. At the present time, schools will stay open, unless staffing numbers make it unsafe to do so. The Department of Health have also given out lists of who should be self-isolating as a precaution and this has meant a number of staff need to remain at home at the present time.

In order for the rest of school to stay open, I need to I need to close certain year groups to ensure I have enough staff to teach the remaining children. Therefore, **NURSERY AND RECEPTION CLASSES WILL BE CLOSED FROM WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

This is **not** due to actual cases of the virus, but due to staff shortages as we follow Government advice and I am hoping that we will be able to re-open for these children very soon.

Please note the following:

- If ANYONE in your household has a temperature or a persistent cough, everyone in the home needs to self isolate for 14 days, whether or not it is a confirmed virus case
- If you or your child has an underlying health condition, you should be preparing to socially isolate for 12 weeks from this weekend, or sooner if the Government advises it. Underlying health conditions include asthma, diabetes, heart or lung conditions
- The Government have made it clear that anyone who is pregnant will also need to socially isolate

I have therefore made the decision that if you chose to keep you child at home due to any of this Government advice, I will authorize the absence. May I repeat – at the present time school remains open (apart from Nursery and Reception) and there are no confirmed cases amongst children or staff. If parents decide that their child needs to remain home as they meet the current criteria for isolation, we will understand.

If you have any worries or concerns, please talk to us – things are changing on a daily basis and we are working hard to keep your children as safe as possible. Thank you for all of your support – your good wishes at this time mean so much to staff.

Mrs A Williams

