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Headteacher: Mrs A Stacey

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Dear parents,

This afternoon I received the following advice from the Department of Education in relation to the Coronavirus-19.

Government announces move from Contain to Delay phase

Yesterday, the Government announced that we are moving from the Contain phase of the coronavirus action plan and into the Delay phase, in response to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Full details of each stage in the government action plan can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

To support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

The symptoms are:

- **A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)**
- **A new, continuous cough**

You do not need to call NHS 111 to stay at home. If your symptoms worsen during your stay at home period or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Current advice remains in place: 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.

The Chief Medical Officer has advised that the impact of closing schools on both children's education and on the workforce will be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to schools will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.

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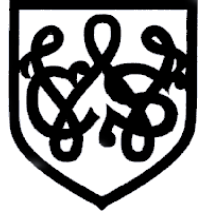
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In response to this I am continuing to make precautionary measures:

- Year 4 swimming lessons will be cancelled until further notice. They will receive a PE lesson in school.
- Year 5 and Year 1 class assemblies will be postponed.
- All other visits and visitors planned for the coming weeks will be postponed or cancelled.
- We ask parents to not attend the celebration assemblies on Fridays.
 - All the cake sales are postponed.
 - The Easter Egg Hunts are postponed.
 - We are cancelling Stations of the Cross at Holy Apostles.

I am still deciding on parents' evening which is due to take place 24th March and 26th March. I will keep you up to date as to the decision made.

Yours kindly,

Mrs A Stacey
Headteacher

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