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Dear parents

Due to the ongoing situation with regards to the Coronavirus and adhering to Government guidelines, it is with regret that the following events at school will need to be either postponed or cancelled for this term:

- Book Fair - all this week
- Maths Open Morning - Wednesday 18th March
- Bikeability for Y5 - w/c Monday 23rd March
- Parents' Evening - Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March
- Year 3/4 Assembly - Friday 27th March
- School Disco - Tuesday 31st March
- KS2 Easter Liturgy - Wednesday 1st April
- KS1 Easter Liturgy - Thursday 2nd April
- End of Term Mass - Friday 3rd April
- All football and netball matches.

At the moment school is staying open and will remain so until we are told otherwise. If there is a decision to close, you will be informed as soon as possible. Breakfast and after school clubs will be running as usual. This week will be the last Year 6 booster session until after the Easter break. Swimming for Y4/5 will be going ahead.

As a school we want the very best for each and every child. We need to keep our children and staff safe and healthy. Therefore, we would ask you to adhere to current NHS and Government guidelines with regards to self-isolation.

NHS guidelines are as follows:

Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms

Stay at home if you have either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.

How long to stay at home

- if you have symptoms, stay at home for 7 days
- if you live with other people, they should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person got symptoms
- If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible.

This advice is accurate today (17.3.2020) and was taken from:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Government guidelines are as follows:

- if you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill
- it is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period.

This advice is accurate today (17.3.2020) and was taken from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The advice from the Department for Education (DfE) is:

It is understood that some families may choose to self-isolate as a protective factor. Parents must be advised that where they are not sending their child to school to 'self-isolate' they should not be seen in other public places. Where there is no medical evidence of the need to self-isolate, and schools do not wish to agree exceptional circumstances, schools should record as an unauthorised absence.

There are packs of work available if your child is going to be absent from school. These packs will be available to collect from the school office during school opening hours. If your child is going to be absent, we ask that you contact school and inform us of this and the reason for their absence. If your child becomes unwell at school, you will be contacted and asked to come and collect them. Therefore it is vital that your contact details are current and up-to-date.

The children have been amazing during this very difficult time and we are so proud of each and every one of them. Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone who is unwell and suffering at the moment.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Mrs. Jobling

Deputy Head Teacher

