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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of your continued support during this difficult time.

We understand from this evening's news bulletin that if anybody within a household develops symptoms, everyone within that household must remain in isolation for 14 days. This means that if one person has symptoms, then the whole household must now stay at home.

As of yet, we have not received any confirmation regarding school closures so will continue to keep to our plans as much as possible. The children will continue to wash their hands on a regular basis and as a school we are looking at our next phase according to the attached risk assessment.

I have attached our COVID-19 Risk Assessment as I think it would be useful for all to see our precautions and plans going forward.

Both cross country events this week will be postponed as well as the hockey finals on 2nd April. We will refund parents when we know whether they are permanently cancelled. Sadly, we will be closing our doors to parents/carers and visitors to our Friday Celebration Assembly for the foreseeable future.

We have been in contact with Wildside and Magdalen and both have confirmed that we will be the only schools on site and there is plenty of opportunity to wash hands in warm water with soap. Wildside have also confirmed that we are the first school visiting this season and that the site has been closed until our visit, for the winter season. I therefore feel that both of these trips can still go ahead.

As ever, please pop in to speak to me or email or phone if you have any concerns.

Kind regards

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This is your daily email to keep you updated on the government's response to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Updated guidance for education settings on coronavirus (COVID-19)

Today, the Department for Education and Public Health England have issued updated guidance for education settings on COVID-19. This guidance will assist staff in addressing COVID-19 in educational settings. This includes childcare, schools, further and higher educational institutions.

What you need to know:

- staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal
- if staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home
- clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using your standard cleaning products
- supervise young children to ensure they wash their hands for 20 seconds more often than usual with soap and water or hand sanitiser and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues

The updated guidance can be found here:



- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19#contents>

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 would be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to education or children's social care settings will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.

