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Dear Parents and Carers,

School is Open – Please see updates shown in bold

Advice has changed following Mr Johnson's press conference on the afternoon of Monday 16th March. Schools remain open at this time but additional guidance around self-isolation has been given.

Staff and children are now being asked to self-isolate for **14 days** if they develop a dry, persistent cough and/or a high temperature. **Anyone living with someone who is self-isolating because these symptoms - siblings, other family members or people living in the same house – should also self-isolate for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms.**

Due to the potentially high levels of absence we are anticipating, we have changed the method for notification of absences. Please go the school website [Record Absence](#) to complete an online form for each child who is absent. You will need to do this everyday so that we can maintain our registers which is a legal and safeguarding requirement. Alternatively, if you cannot access the form please call the school office.

Further actions taken in school

- Children are regularly reminded to wash their hands. Staff wash hands and refrain from touching their face.
- Posters and signs giving information about washing hands and using tissues are located around the building.
- Cleaning regime includes wiping door handles and light switches.
- **Whole school assemblies are cancelled.**
- **Lunchtimes have been adapted to create more space for eating and allowing thorough cleaning between sittings.**
- **Sporting events and all trips have been cancelled.**
- **We will liaise with clubs tomorrow and advise you of any changes.**

In the event of school closure, we are prepared to send work home. As a primary school, we are conscious that we need to provide materials that children can do independently and also have a balance between a workload that doesn't overwhelm them but keeps them engaged in their learning. **Thank you for responding to our survey to establish which children have access to computers and on-line learning, and whether you are a key worker. If you haven't completed this, we would be grateful if you could do so as soon as possible.**

Please be assured that we will continue to update you, as soon as we are briefed by the DfE (Department for Education).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Keogh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end of the name.

Lisa Keogh
Headteacher