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Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to you to keep you as informed as possible to the school's position in regard to coronavirus based on advice from DofE received at the end of the day (please see overleaf) As you are aware we are unsure when, or indeed if, a school closure will occur but we will keep you as informed as we possibly can. You should have received a text and email from us today to ensure we have up-to-date contact details for you. If you did not receive these please see the office.

Although we have no firm information at this stage it is looking possible that schools and colleges might be instructed to close over the next few weeks as the Government raises its level of concern regarding coronavirus from 'Contain and Research' to Delay.

We would like to inform you of the school's current plan if this should happen – based on the information we have presently.

We will ask all children to access their Times Table Rock Star page to continue practising their tables. All children will be able to access MyOn (our online reading library) to read appropriately levelled books and answer quizzes.

All children will be asked to complete work on the online Athletics site.

All children have logins and passwords for these sites – please contact your child's class teacher if you need reminding of these.

As well as this English and Maths booklets will be sent home for children to work through at their own pace. These booklets will contain answer sheets so you can support your child with their learning.

With this in mind we will shortly be making decisions as to whether to run or delay the parents evening on Wednesday 25th March 2020 and our school musical, 'The Jungle Book', at the end of March, beginning of April.

Thank you for your understanding and I hope you all stay healthy and well.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Gasser
Headteacher

Department of Education (DofE) Advice

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.