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Dear Parents and Carers,

Ongoing school response to Coronavirus Pandemic

I am writing to outline our ongoing plans to minimise risk during the current pandemic. These are worrying times, and I can assure you that we are doing what we can to keep your children safe and well and to keep the school running smoothly.

I meet with staff each day and make any additional adjustments based on the information which we have, and any additional guidance which we receive from the Government or the NHS.

We have made a few changes, with the aim of reducing children's exposure to large groups of people for extended periods of time, while maintaining their curriculum entitlement. These changes will be reviewed at the end of term.

Until the end of this term, there will be no swimming. Children will instead have an outdoor P.E. lesson and then a 15 minute Water Safety learning session in the classroom.

Parents' Evening and Open Classrooms will be postponed, and will not take place on Tuesday or Wednesday this week. I will advise you of the revised date in the Summer Term. The Book Fair will be in the Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after school this week, for those of you who wish to browse or buy books.

Assemblies will take place in classrooms, rather than in the Hall.

We will run the planned Class Assemblies in the Hall, but only for an audience of families who attend. Class 11's assembly will now take place on 2nd April. Class 10 assembly will be on 26th March as planned.

We will continue to use the Hall for lunch, as there is constant movement through, and children are rarely together in larger groups for more than 5 or 10 minutes at a time. There are additional handwashing stations outside the hall for the children to use before and after eating.

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Until the end of this term there will be no after school clubs. This ensures all classrooms are available for the cleaning team to carry out additional cleaning at the end of each day.

Sports fixtures will continue after school and during school time.

The vast majority of our staff team are in excellent health and continue to come to work with a positive outlook. As much as possible, I will maintain the structure of classes, but there may be times when I have to adjust deployment, to ensure all children can be taught in groups of a reasonable size. I ask for your patience in this matter, and confirm that I will only move children to work with a different teacher or TA if absolutely necessary.

You will receive a phone call if your child seems unwell; if they have a cough; or if they have a temperature. Again, our aim is to help our school community stay healthy and well.

If you wish to send your child to school with personal soap, hand-cream, or towels and tissues, that is perfectly fine. I request that all belongings are named and in a bag (e.g. a wash bag).

Thank you for your continued understanding and support. I am available each day for discussions or phone calls for any queries or worries which you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Ms J Bromley

Principal