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Dear Parents & Carers

Coronavirus update

As announced by the Prime Minister yesterday, schools will currently remain open.

You may know that the Government have changed their guidance regarding COVID-19. The new guidance focuses on staying at home for 14 days if family members demonstrate the relevant symptoms. Please can you let us know if you are self-isolating, you are being or have been tested and, in the latter case, the test results. You can read the Stay at Home guidance

here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>.

As a school, we continue to follow specific Government guidance for educational settings; you can read that guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

We are working through a staged risk assessment and the following additional measures will take effect immediately to support the delay:

- We will be sending children home for a minimum of fourteen days if they are showing symptoms, new continuous cough and/or high temperature.
- No educational visits planned where children are put into spaces with large amounts of other children from other schools will take place, at this point all residential visits will be going ahead.
- Continued emphasis on hygiene and handwashing as shared previously.
- Guidance on arrival for visitors.

It is likely that future events such as Colour Team Day, FONDS Discos and the Year Five trip to Yateley Comprehensive will be cancelled but we will keep you informed.

We are taking these measures to delay the spread of the virus and hope that parents support and understand why we are having to do this given the circumstance is unprecedented and extremely serious.

If you decide to keep your child at home and wish to support them with their learning whilst they are off school, we would recommend the following:

- Continue to read books, comics, online books daily.
- Keep a daily diary with pictures and writing as appropriate to your child's ability.

Delivering a nurturing and inclusive environment to encourage growth of the individual

Should the government decide to close schools for a number of weeks, there are websites offering free access to their resources and we will pass these onto you in the event of closures.

Finally, we understand that some children may be concerned and understandably worried. If you are looking at ways to support your child, Newsround has a number of clips to support <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51887051>.

We would recommend that you watch these clips yourself first, so that you can decide if they are suitable for your child or not.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W Neighm" followed by a long, sweeping horizontal flourish.

William Neighbour