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### Coronavirus Information for Parents III

Dear Parents

As a result of the changes in guidance:

- Brockholes have cancelled the Y5 trip on 30/3/20.
- The Y4 performances of Porridge have been cancelled. All being well, Purple Videos will be videoing the performance and the PTA have agreed to cover the cost of the streaming fee. DVD purchases will still be possible.
- Computing Club on Wed after school is cancelled this week.
- The Netball tournament for this week has been cancelled.

We are contacting the youth hostel, train company and theatres for the June Y5 London trips to determine terms and conditions in the event of cancellation.

There are some staffing changes. It is like juggling water but we have a good relationship with a number of supply and part time teachers and all classes this week and next have teachers at the moment. Currently, after school and before schools are continuing as normal.

I would encourage parents of children with underlying medical conditions such as diabetes and respiratory conditions such as chronic asthma to look at the guidance carefully and consider whether attendance at school is appropriate. If the decision not to attend school is in relation to an underlying medical condition that we have on our records the absence will be recorded as illness.

**Note – if there is a member of the household who has a new, persistent cough or a fever, ALL members of the household are asked to self-isolate for 14 days. If you are ringing school to inform us of an absence please be clear of the purpose of the absence, particularly if this is the reason.**

Staff are working to prepare learning activities for children if the school were to close. These will be added to the Children page on the school website. We are making mailing lists of the main email contacts We are asking children about internet access, their access to a computer at home etc. to help us judge how best to share activities.

When picking up children and dropping them off, we encourage you to spread out and not be offended if others are staying at a distance. Please don't crowd around classroom doors.

Please telephone the school office rather than coming into the school building whenever possible.

There is guidance for talking with children about the pandemic on the school's website under Parents. In an assembly yesterday, Following guidance from an educational psychologist, I talked with the children about how we all get sick and the symptoms are when our body is fighting a virus, that it is likely that most of them will get Coronavirus and that this is OK and that the symptoms are mild for children. I stressed that we are working hard not to pass on the virus as it could be challenging for particularly older people and things might change as guidance like closing schools is made to control the speed of it spreading. I then told them to ask questions if they had worries as this was a healthy thing to do, to continue to enjoy life every day as this challenging situation will be in the past one day – and most importantly to BE KIND and use our values.

Warm regards, John Ross, Headteacher