

Tuesday 17th March 2020,

Dear Parents,

You will be aware from government announcements this week that information regarding the coronavirus is changing rapidly. The latest advice is as follows:

- If any member of a household shows symptoms, the advice is that the whole household should self-isolate for 14 days. This is to help protect others in the community. Therefore, if you or any member of your household is self-isolating, your children must not come to school.
- Women who are pregnant have been advised to avoid social contact where possible.

These restrictions apply to school staff as well as children and we are ensuring that these are followed. Whilst this is the case, children's classes will covered with different staff wherever necessary and children may work in other classrooms in order to maintain safe staff/ child ratios.

As a country and for our school, these are unprecedented times. We are aware of the stress and anxiety this may be causing for many people. Our priority now is to ensure the safety and health of our children, staff and wider community. With this in mind, the following actions will be taken:

- All before and after school clubs and tuition will be cancelled with effect from tomorrow-Wednesday 18th March. Today's clubs will go ahead as planned.
- Class assemblies and the Easter service will be cancelled.
- Volunteers will not be required in school.
- Visits out of school will be cancelled.
- Swimming for year 4 will be cancelled.
- School discos will be cancelled.

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It is likely that the school residential to Finborough will be postponed. However, we will confirm this when we have had official contact with Finborough regarding their policies on this.

Should schools close in the future, we have plans in place to support children's learning at home and will communicate these to you in the event of our school closing.

Please be assured that we are following daily advice from Essex County Council and the government.

Yours sincerely,

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