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Headteacher's Newsletter – 17th March 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Update 5

Yesterday, the Government introduced new guidance on whole household isolation in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

- If you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started
- If you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- Anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

Further advice can be found on the NHS website. This includes additional advice for vulnerable individuals, such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions.

They suggest that social distancing advice is rigorously followed.

At this time there are no government plans to close schools but we are starting to plan ahead in case we have reduced staff and/or children due to illness or isolation

At this time:-

- We have no staff or children who have tested as positive
- We have 8 children who have been kept at home by parents as they had some mild symptoms plus a number of children absent because family members have symptoms.
- Any child or member of staff with the symptoms (New cough and or high temperature) must not come to school and must stay at home, not going out at all for 7 days and the rest of the household should stay at home and not go out for 14 days.
- I am sorry but our Mother's Day assembly is cancelled. The children have been learning a song and I hope your child will be able to sing it to you at home