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***** CORONAVIRUS - COVID-19 *****

Dear Parents and Carers

I mentioned in our posts on our Dojo and Facebook pages that we are being updated almost hourly with the coronavirus news and what we need to do as a school.

Current guidance is that schools remain open. This will become increasingly difficult to do as the other, more crucial guidance is that anyone who has potential symptoms must self-isolate, as must the rest of the family/household. Already we have had staff members who, although feel fine in themselves, have to self-isolate as their family members are showing symptoms and therefore I have instructed them to go home and follow the guidance.

Over the next few days, I fully expect that our attendance figures will drop. It may be pertinent to merge classes to ensure we can stay open for those that are not yet affected and to help us to remain open for as long as possible. For those that are self-isolating at home, or in the event of a school closure, we will still be providing work to be completed at home. Your child's education, although not as critical as their health, is still important and it would be sensible for them to keep 'ticking over' with their learning, so long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. Each teacher will be sharing work and things to do whilst we are closed.

If you are unable to do anything else, we have said all year that the most important skill the children need is the ability to read. Get them to read EVERY day. Read to them too. If they read every day, practise their times tables and number work, and do a few of the tasks set by the teachers, I can assure you they will return to school a lot better off.

Please check the following platforms to access your child's learning and tasks.

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
School Website. Class Dojo - where most work will be shared.	School Website Class Dojo - this will be where most work will be shared and you can share their work and ask questions.	School Website Google Classroom Please check school website for updates.	School Website Google Classroom Please check ClassDojo for updates

I will send another letter out to accompany this one to share with you the guidance of self-isolation. Again, I must thank our staff team who have been incredible through this turbulent and testing time. To work with such dedicated people who care immensely for our school and your children is a blessing.

Stay safe, follow the guidance.

God Bless you all,

Mr M Dyson