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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you are aware of the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the increase in the number of confirmed cases in the UK.

We take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously and while there is currently no cause for concern at our school, we will keep you updated with any developments.

Current guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE) remains that schools stay open and children should only stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise, they should attend school as normal. We would also ask if a family member is isolating that siblings do not attend school.

The school are preparing work packs for children who may need to self-isolate and will make these available to children later in the week.

Whilst the school is still open, we have taken the decision to cancel the parent's consultation events, the book fair, Easter crafts and the attendance assemblies. This is to prevent numbers of people gathering in a small area to reduce the possibility of infection; we will rearrange as soon as possible. Further to this, we are cancelling the Year 4 residential and the Year 3 trip to the Cathedral. The aim is to limit children's possible exposure to the Covid-19 virus.

Whilst we are currently continuing with breakfast club and after school clubs we may suspend these linked to availability of staff and to allow additional time for a daily deep clean.

We will continue to follow advice from the Department of Education and Public Health England and will continue to update you with any advice that we are given. I understand the anxiety that our families are feeling and would like to reassure you that the school will take every measure to limit children's exposure to the virus in school.

Yours sincerely

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Jonathan Nixon
Head of School