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Dear Parents,

I am writing to update you on the further measures we will be taking from today in order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

First of all, the guidance from Public Health England and the Department of Education is clear.

This is a direct paragraph from the 'COVID-19: guidance for educational settings' document updated today.

- **staff, young people and children should 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 education or work as normal**
- **if staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home**

This means that anyone with a new, continuous cough OR a high temperature should not be in school. Please do not bring your child to school if they have even the mildest of symptoms.

One or two parents have been rude to school staff today when asked to pick up their children who are showing these symptoms. Please understand that we are following the guidelines in order to keep our school community as healthy and safe as we possibly can. In the past, we may well have accepted children in school with mild coughs but circumstances are different now and we must put public health first. I will not accept rude or uncooperative behaviour from anyone in school. These are worrying and challenging times for everybody and we must support each other.

There are a number of other measures we will be implementing from now on in order to keep footfall and close contact to a minimum:

1. Please try and avoid coming to school at the beginning or end of the day late in order to minimise people coming in and out of school. The entry sign system will now only be operated by Mrs Mason. When congregating on the playground, please avoid standing with anyone showing symptoms. Also, please contact



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us by telephone or email if you can rather than coming in to talk face to face. We are also asking that Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children be left at the door for Staff to bring in rather than parents.

2. All assemblies including Reception and Nursery class assemblies, Friday Celebration Assembly, Easter Eucharist, Easter Egg Competition Results (though we may still go ahead with the competition itself within classrooms and will update you further about this event soon), unnecessary visitors/trips (we will update separately regarding the Year 6 Isle of Man trip), Year 6 revision club and after school clubs are cancelled from tomorrow until further notice.

3. Hygiene practises will be increased including cleaning of play equipment and it is recommended that P.E kit is now taken home for washing after each lesson.

As you will be aware, advice is changing daily and I will update you as and when needed.

We are prepared with work and guidance for you and your child in the event of school closure and will send this out if we are required to shut the building. Please keep us informed if you, your child or anyone in your family household is showing symptoms.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Tennant
Head Teacher