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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, we have been keeping you updated regarding the Coronavirus COVID-19 and the adjustments we have put in place to ensure the wellbeing and health and safety of all members of our school community.

We continue to support our children to wash their hands more often in addition to before eating, after coughing and sneezing and after using the toilets for at least 20 seconds; we have helpful child friendly posters in the children's toilets to assist with their effective handwashing. We are also continuing to use the official handwashing educational resources.

Although we have endeavoured to keep our routines as 'normal' as possible we are mindful of guidance which says to take proportionate steps to minimise the chance of infection spreading. Therefore, we have decided to postpone school functions and events including Parents Evening planned for tomorrow and Wednesday evenings, whole school assemblies, Disco and Easter Reflection. This is a measure which I hope families can understand comes after much consideration.

What is the current situation?

The **school remains open** - this is the current official guidance we have been given.

All school events, including Parent's evening, Friday assemblies, School Disco and the Easter Reflection are **postponed**. I am currently considering alternative options for Parents/Carers and Teachers to discuss your child's attainment and progress including the possibility of 10 minute telephone consultations or a future date set for face to face consultations. Where possible, future dates will be allocated to any postponed school events.

The Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for **7 days**, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms.

The symptoms are:

- **A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)**
- **A new, continuous cough**

If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally, by ringing the school office before 9am. If you are ringing to advise the school that your child has a **NEW** and **PERSISTENT** cough or a new fever, then they will need to self-isolate for 7 days. If you ring the school to explain this, **you need to make it very clear that this is the reason.**

I would like to thank you for your continued support and understand.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Prestidge
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

