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Dear Parent/Carer

### Coronavirus Update

I am writing to you again following further government guidance on Monday 16 March 2020 about the national coronavirus strategy.

Current advice has escalated, and includes the following new specific guidance centred around 'social distancing':

1. Anyone with a high temperature or cough, or who lives with someone with these symptoms, should self – isolate at home for 14 days.
2. Non-essential contact with others and all unnecessary travel must stop.
3. Pubs, clubs, theatres and other such social venues must be avoided.
4. Whenever possible people should work from home.

As coronavirus seems to be a relatively lower risk for children, and because of the wider impacts of school closures on everyone, especially those parents involved in the NHS, the government's plan is to delay closing schools until they feel it is necessary. As such, our school will remain open until we are advised to close by Public Health England. It is uncertain if and when this guidance will change. **Importantly, there are no reported cases of Coronavirus in our school at present.**

To help reduce risks in school we have cancelled, until further notice, all meetings between school staff and other agencies, all trips and visits, and parents' evenings. In addition we are educating children about the coronavirus with factual information without being alarmist. We are reassuring them and answering their questions. Children are reminded to wash their hands frequently and to use tissues to cover their cough or sneeze. Extra cleaning of surfaces is taking place around our school and we are doing our best to continue with learning and usual school routines

If you want to know if something is happening then basically if it's not a normal lesson than it probably isn't happening. Meetings with parents should be on the telephone.

The school is also actively planning for how it will cope with reduced staff or students, and for possible future short term closure.



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To ensure parents/carers receive daily school up-dates we are developing the school website and please use it along with Edulink to get the latest information from us. Treat each morning as if snow has fallen and check to find out what the situation with school is. It might be running as normal, it might be a late start while we reorganise reduced staffing. If we are very short of staff we will do a temporary partial closure and communicate in the normal way. We will prioritise the youngest children coming into school for child care and the teaching of examination groups.

Students with summer exams need to keep studying hard and expect to sit those exams until we are told otherwise.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Haigh".

**Mr P Haigh**  
**Headteacher**