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Dear Parents,

Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) update

I would firstly like to say a huge thank you to the vast majority of families who have shown their support to our staff over the last three days during this difficult period. Our staff have been working tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of the school.

As stated in my previous letter I would like to remind you that government guidance states that:

- anyone who has a new continuous cough and/or high temperature should be self-isolated for **14 days**. **All members of the household (siblings included) should also not leave the house for 14 days**. This has increased from the previous guidance of 7 days.

Therefore:

- **please do not send your child to school if they present with these symptoms** as it is a risk to the school population and causes unnecessary work for our staff who will have to contact you to pick your child up straight away.

As mentioned in my previous letter:

- **all staff have ensured that KS1 and KS2 pupils' login details for Bug Club, MyMaths and Times Tables Rock Stars are up to date and that additional tasks / work has been allocated on the programs** so that any pupils who are self-isolating can access learning at home. These programs are available from today onwards and will be updated on a regular basis by staff.
- **In the event of long-term closure all staff are in the process of preparing work packs** that will be uploaded to the school website. In the meantime, parents of pupils who are self-isolating are asked to visit the 'Information for Parents' section of our website and click on 'Useful Websites' for additional activities that can be accessed at



home. More information will follow with further guidance about work packs should the school need to close.

However, I am aware that some families will not have access to the internet or a computer / ipad etc. at home. For this reason, and in the event of long term school closure, staff will supply paper packs to pupils who do not have access to the internet or a computer / ipad etc. at home. Please complete the reply slip at the bottom of this letter to inform us of this and return it to your child's classteacher on 19th March 2020.

At the time of writing, **we anticipate school to remain fully OPEN tomorrow**. If there are any developments overnight, we will inform parents via text as soon as possible this evening or in the morning, and the information will also be displayed on our school website. In addition, any closure will be reported on the Staffordshire school closure website which can be accessed by using the following link: <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/sln/schoolclosures/> We will endeavour to get this information out by 7:30am at the latest tomorrow morning, but please do check after this time as well.

Thank you once again for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rachel Mander
Headteacher

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Internet / Computer Access

I would like to make you aware that my child does not have access to the internet or a computer / ipad etc. at home. Therefore, I would like to request that my child is supplied with a paper work pack in the event of long term school closure.

Name of child: _____

Registration teacher: _____

Signature: _____
(Person with parental responsibility)

Print name: _____
(Person with parental responsibility)

Please complete and return to your child's registration teacher on 19th March 2020.

