



Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you with my latest update following the restrictions put in place yesterday.

It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform you that I am having to cancel trips for Years 3, 4 & 5. We are currently in contact with the companies we have booked trips with to attempt to secure refunds where possible.

This also means that Parents' Evenings will be postponed until the Summer Term; I will propose rescheduled dates in due course.

I am continuing to closely monitor all current advice from the government, Public Health England and the World Health Organisation. Key points from yesterday's communications are as follows:

- Schools will not be closed at the moment
- There should be no unessential travel
- Social distancing strategies are to be applied
- The stay at home advice has been updated: the key change being that self-isolation has now been raised from 7 days to 14 days and if one person in the household has a persistent cough and/or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days

The staff have all been briefed on the actions to take should a child or adult become unwell during the day at school. Schools will remain open at the moment, however this may change in the future. It is recognised, that like the rest of the work force, school staff will also be impacted by the Coronavirus. Our Business Continuity Plan sets out what our plans are when there are staff shortages. The government has also been clear that some headteachers and chairs of governors may be forced to close or partially close if there are not enough staff to care for the children even if there has not yet been a directive to close from central government. This is a distinct possibility which is now even more challenging to handle as the period of self-isolation has been increased.

I ask that if your family is self-isolating, please don't request school work as the teaching team are already working their hardest to keep things 'normal'. What I ask is that your child reads as much as they can, practises their sounds/spellings and continues to learn their number facts/timetables. I will be updating the website today with links to educational webpages and apps that your child/ren will be able to access.

Once again, I thank you for your co-operation, understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jamie Pardon