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Dear Parent/Carer

UPDATE: Coronavirus concerns and actions

I thought you would like an update with what we are doing and what we plan to do in school over the coming days.

Whilst the school is open:

- We are following Government advice in that any staff or children with high temperature and / or cough are being asked to stay at home **as a complete family** for 14 days.
- Staff who fall into the 'Vulnerable Category' will not be at work for 12 weeks. If parents feel that their child falls into this category, or that someone in the household does e.g. recovering from/having chemotherapy, seek medical advice and let us know if you are removing your children for the 12 weeks.
- When we have staff absence and no availability of cover, we will amalgamate children. When we do this, it may mean your child is taught by another teacher.
- We continue to supervise (younger) / remind (older) children to wash their hands after they enter school on a morning, after using the toilet, before handling food and before and after sporting activities in keeping with Public Health England advice.
- We have cancelled assemblies in the hall as a precautionary measure until further notice as assemblies bring together up to 200 children in a confined space.
- We have postponed/cancelled taking children **off school site** for visits/sporting activities until further notice.
- Keyboards/ mice/ IT equipment are being cleaned between children using these.

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- Our cleaning contractors are focusing on handles and surfaces.
- **We will review the situation at least daily and keep you updated with any developments.**

The current national advice is for schools to remain open; however, we can only remain open if we can safely staff the school (teaching and support staff). If we cannot do this we may move to part closure or full closure. We will keep you informed.

In the event of school closure:

- We are looking together as staff to see how we can support children's education whilst at home e.g. uploading work onto the class pages of our website for children to complete. Please be aware that teachers will not be able to set individual tasks for individual members of the class.
- We keep a current list in the office of families who have no access to email (those not set up on Parent Pay). We will aim to communicate information to you separately.

We are currently investigating other more interactive ways of sharing learning with our children.

If your children are off school now we are unable to provide work for individual children as staff are in school teaching full time (or may be off work self-isolating). We advise you to have a look at the following websites:

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize BBC bitesize

www.twinkl.co.uk/offer enter code: UKTWINKLHELPS

www.ttrockstars.com/ Multiplication 'TT rockstars' (Y2 - Y6) All children have a password.

www.numbots.com Number 'Numbots' (all years) infants have a password and juniors can enter using the TTRockstars password

www.mathsframe.co.uk (juniors will need to register)

www.topmarks.co.uk games have age rating on them

www.spellingshed.com

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Statutory Tests: Year 6 will be coming home with a revision guide for mathematics and grammar by the end of the week. For children in year 6 already absent we will post these through letterboxes.

General Information:

- Parent Consultations: 30/31st March and 1st April are being cancelled.
- Any absences for Coronavirus reasons will be authorised on receipt of a telephone call, written note or email from parents/carers with details of the specific issues and the medical advice given.
- We will continue to keep parents/carers updated using Parent Pay email and through our website within the tab 'Key Information' then 'Covid-19'.

If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office by phone or by email: info@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk

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