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But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded ~ 2 Chronicles 15:7

Dear Parents/Carers

As a school, we are constantly updating our routines and procedures in light of the latest government advice on the Coronavirus situation and wanted to share with our families the most recent information we have.

We will continue to monitor and send home any staff or students that present with a temperature and/ or a new, persistent cough whilst at school. The government advice is that these individuals should then self-isolate for 14 days from the start of their symptoms.

From today, anyone who lives with someone who has a new and persistent cough or a temperature should stay at home for 14 days of isolation.

School leaders have made amendments to some of our daily routines in light of yesterday's advice and can inform parents that from today onwards:

- We will no longer hold whole school collective worships and provide children with daily worship in class
- Stagger lunchtimes to reduce numbers of pupils in the school hall at any one time

It will also be necessary to postpone some school events until such a time that we can carry them out safely for all members of our school community. At this time, the following events have been postponed:

- Maple Collective Worship (27th March 2020)
- Parents evening

We have also made the decision to cancel our Easter Service which we had planned for the last week of term. Please understand that we have made these decisions with a heavy heart as we recognise how important such events are to all involved but feel the health and wellbeing of all pupils, families and staff must always be our priority.

The situation is constantly evolving at speed and whilst only yesterday the government stated that we are not yet at the stage of school closures, we are concerned that the decision may be imminent. With this in mind, we have made the decision to today send home our school closure packs with all children. At this point they should be kept at home and not used until such a time when we have been instructed to close. At that time, we will issue families with our school closure information and each class webpage will be used as a focus for the sharing of teaching activities and home learning. Any children who are absent from school today, will have their packs stored in the school office for collection by parents.

I can do all things through him who strengthens me ~ Philippians 4:13

We have already completed a risk assessment of vulnerable staff and pupils within our school and update this, and any actions, in light of current advice. We have informed parents of pupils identified as being vulnerable in current government guidelines in the need to follow social distancing procedures. If you feel your child has a condition which meets the vulnerable group criteria, please follow the existing advice on social distancing. Please ensure that all absences are reported to the school office.

This is an unprecedented situation we find ourselves in and we continue to take our advice from the government, DfE and NHS/PHE.

As a school we thank you for your ongoing support at this challenging time for us all.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Walker

Head of School