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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Coronavirus epidemic continues, we are continually adapting our plans to cope with changes.

Due to the change in guidance earlier this week, which now requests that all household members follow self-isolation rules for a period of 14 days, even if only one person in the family shows symptoms, we have a number of children, families and staff who have made the decision to self-isolate. Due to the generic nature of the symptoms, which are similar to other viruses, we expect that this number may increase. The guidance also advised people with certain pre-existing medical conditions to socially distance. If they are able to do so, staff members are working from home. This **does not** mean we have a confirmed case of Coronavirus, only that the guidance has been followed as per the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

As I am sure you can understand, it is not possible for school to contact Parents and Carers each time a member of our school community is not in school. Should we be made aware of any pupil or member of staff with corona virus we will inform the DfE and follow their advice and inform parents and staff accordingly. We can only assure you that the health of our School community is paramount, and as a result we are doing everything we can, whilst we remain open as per Government wishes, to ensure that health and safety procedures are followed. This includes thorough cleaning of all areas, increased hand-washing and cancellation of school events and whole school gatherings, so that we know we are doing everything we can under difficult circumstances to protect the health of our community.

Class teachers are preparing home learning material which will be available on the school website, should the school have to close. If your child is already off school please access the school website where you will find the Parent Pages tab, under which is the Home Learning Programmes. Please could Parents and Carers contact the school as soon as possible if they are unable to access the website so that we can make alternative arrangements.

Kind regards,

**Gemma Edwards**  
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