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Dear parents and carers,

Re. Coronavirus Update

The school remains open and we still have no confirmed cases amongst our children and staff.

There are a significant number of children today where families have now made the decision to take precautionary measures and stay at home. We do completely understand their decision to do so.

Based on the information communicated by the Prime Minister at teatime yesterday afternoon, we have also made the decision to send home staff who are considered more vulnerable to the virus. They will now be staying away from school for the foreseeable future. This includes Mrs Healy in 3H, who has now said goodbye to her class pupils in case we do not see her again before her maternity leave begins. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well for her imminent arrival.

I am sure you can appreciate that this is an incredibly difficult time for schools at the moment and I feel I should inform you that I do not see our current situation as sustainable. I know this is also felt by headteachers both locally and nationally. I feel it would be sensible for parents to now start preparing to have their children at home.

For now, however, we continue to follow the national guidance, as communicated to us via the Department for Education – <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

I realise that you may be facing difficult questions from anxious children. Please read the following information as a useful guide - https://parentinfo.org/article/three-tips-for-starting-a-difficult-conversation-with-your-child?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=d7c5afa46e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_13_05_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-d7c5afa46e-178770077

I want to reassure parents that we will be open as usual tomorrow,

Yours sincerely,

Tim Hunter-Whitehouse, Headteacher

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
John 3v16



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