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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace
1 Peter 4:10*

Work together, learn together, grow together...

Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Covid-19 Update

As you will have seen on yesterday's news, the government guidance on coronavirus risk management has changed.

If any child, or adult, has a new continuous cough OR a high temperature (>37.8 degrees) they should self-isolate for 7 days. Can all parents please be vigilant in following this guidance.

If a child in school exhibits **either** of these symptoms they will be removed from class and parents contacted immediately to collect them from school.

The key goals of the school are to:

- limit any chance of transition of the virus within our community
- carry out our duty to keep children safe
- maintain standards of education
- where possible keep the school open to limit the impact on our community

In light of the above aims it is important we strictly enforce the new 7 days isolation guidance for staff and children. To reduce risk of transmission, in consultation with the governing body, we have decided to postpone all parent events until at least after the Easter holidays when it will be reviewed again. This includes the following events:

- FOTS Uniform Sale: 20th March
- Rock Steady Concert: 30th March
- Easter Service and Easter Egg Hunt: April 1st

We are planning for the Easter Service and Egg Hunt to go ahead, in school, with staff and children only.

This decision has been taken to reduce the opportunities for virus transmission on a local level to allow us to maintain the goals listed above. Therefore, we are also cancelling the CASMA Concert which was due to take place on Monday 23rd March. You will already be aware that the planned trip to Wembley Arena on Tuesday 17th March has been postponed until May. We will be reviewing our plans to visit Eaton vale on 22nd April – 23 April and will inform parents of our decision as soon as possible.

The school remains open and lessons are unaffected. However, if the UK government decides to close schools, or, in the future, significant staff absence were to mean the school had to close for safeguarding reasons, we will place school work on your child's class page on our website. In the event of a closure no work would be issued on the first day whilst arrangements are made but would be accessible from the second day of any closure. Your child should have their My Maths and Times Tables Rockstars logins in their Homework books, but please check this so that we can ensure they have access to these sites during a period of school closure.

We have been taking additional cleaning measures in line with guidance and will continue to do so and would continue to ask families who travel abroad to follow government guidance and inform us where they have visited.

We will continue to give you updates as we receive them. In the meantime, thank you for your support and understanding during this turbulent time for us all.

Yours sincerely



Laura Green

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