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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

THE SCHOOL REMAINS OPEN

I am writing to update you on the Coronavirus situation. This is having an impact on us all. Although we will endeavour to continue as normal, we are also looking at times and places where we need to restrict activities in order to avoid unnecessary risk.

Our sources of advice will continue to be the Department for Education, Public Health England and the Oxfordshire Local Authority. Along with this letter, I'm sending you the latest information we have received.

Following the advice to date, we will try to stay open for as long as possible because we are told that this virus is likely to hit us most severely around June/July time. The social and economic impact on everyone, but most particularly our pupils, is difficult to imagine. However, 3 or 4 months away from school will also be very challenging to manage.

We are, like all schools, gearing up for home learning. We will provide you with guidance on how this is best organised and delivered and steer you towards the resources you may like to use. However, this will not be distributed until the school is about to close.

If you chose to self-isolate with good reason before the school is closed to all pupils, you can include the following learning activities in the home learning programme you devise:

- ***Go to the topic web on our website for your child(ren)'s class and pursue areas of the topic not yet covered***
- ***Make sure you child(ren) reads daily from a book that is age appropriate and which covers their stage in terms of language.***
- ***Learn spellings and phonics that are expected in that age group/your child's stage of learning***
- ***Use websites such as Twinkle***
- ***Carefully select You Tube clips such as Jack Hartmann for Key Stage 1 maths***
- ***Include daily physical activity – try 'Banana, Banana Meatballs' for Key Stage 1 indoor physical activity or chose from a wide range of activities on GoNoodle***

'The Lord is my shepherd.' Psalm 23

➤ ***Learn the times tables appropriate to the year group***

Unfortunately, having spoken to several people, I feel it would be unwise to continue with our planned discos and sports activities this week. Sadly, in the short term, this will include swimming. There just in no point in taking these unnecessary risks. Whilst we are very comfortable with the action we have taken as a school, we cannot necessarily be as confident in the action taken by others.

Thank you for your patience and support during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

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