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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

THE SCHOOL REMAINS OPEN

I am writing to update you on the Coronavirus situation. As you will be aware, things have moved on apace. Whilst we will try to stay open for as long as possible, we must curtail any activities that might broaden the opportunities or increase the chances of bringing the Coronavirus into our school and homes. As a result, the following activities have now been stopped:

1. All sporting activities outside of the school or involving pupils from other schools
2. Swimming lessons
3. Parents' evening 31st March 2020
4. All school assemblies

We may well need to add to this list in due course. However, for the time being, normal lessons are continuing and we are working hard to keep our children happy and well supported.

In addition to the changes we are making, teachers' PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment time) has been cancelled until further notice.

Our sources of advice will continue to be the Department for Education, Public Health England and the Oxfordshire Local Authority. At the moment, we are being told to stay open but this might change when the latest bulletins arrive.

If you decide you need to self-isolate, we totally respect that decision, although I am very happy to talk that through with you, ultimately it must be your decision. Please note that self-isolation for the whole family is now 14 days

The list of activities for home learning below is a starting point:

- ***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 your child(ren) reads everyday 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***

'The Lord is my shepherd.' Psalm 23

- *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*
- *Learn the times tables appropriate to the year group or you can go to timestables.co.uk*

We will be working on a more comprehensive list during the course of this week and we will distribute these packs as soon as we know we are closing. If you are currently self-isolating, we will post these to you. A number of companies are currently putting together home-study packs. Although we cannot necessarily vouch for the quality or value of these, if we think they are worth while we will forward you the information.

I understand that this is a very difficult time. The advice we receive isn't always helpful and sometimes isn't what we want to hear. In short term, while we remain open, we want to support you as much as possible. Unfortunately, because of the demands of the situation, we are unable to provide individually tailored work programmes for pupils. Therefore, you will need to adjust work or pick through the websites we suggest to find tasks that are accessible for your child.

Wishing you all the very best in these challenging circumstances.

Kind regards

Mrs Margaret Gwynne

Head teacher