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Dear Parents and Carers,

CORONAVIRUS UPADTE – 17th MARCH 2020

As you will be aware the Government has now moved the country into the next phase of protecting people in the UK from Coronavirus. The purpose of this letter is to inform parents and carers about some of the additional measures that the school is putting in place.

RESTRICTION ON VISITORS INTO SCHOOL

From tomorrow, and until further notice, we are severely restricting the number of visitors who enter the school building. We hugely value the contribution that our school community brings to the children and hope that you will appreciate that this has been a very difficult decision to make. This will affect many people but for parents and carers this means:

- * Parents and carers should drop and collect children from the external school doors as usual and are welcome to pass on any brief messages to teachers at that point. Parents and carers will not be able to enter the classroom.
- * Should parents need an urgent longer and/or private discussion with a teacher then they should phone or email the school office and the teacher will get back to you. Please be aware that there is limited time during the school day when the children are with us so you may have to wait a while. We are exceptionally busy at the moment but will do our best to get back to you as soon as we are able.
- * Parents and carers are welcome to pop into the school office for urgent matters but we request that you email or phone if at all possible. Please be very patient with us at the moment as the school office is exceptionally busy especially at the start and end of the school day. The school office is manned between 8am and 4pm and we have an answering machine and do pick up all messages left.
- * We regret that we cannot allow parents/carers or younger siblings to use the toilets in school at this time.
- * Parent/grandparent volunteers will sadly not be working in school until circumstances change and a separate correspondence has been sent to these people.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The following events have been postponed or cancelled:

- 24th March - Reception Eye Tests cancelled by NHS – will probably be rescheduled.
- 24th and 26th March – Learning Reviews are postponed.
Children's Next Step Sheets will be sent home in your child's book bag on Tuesday 24th.
- 30th March – The whole school visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park is postponed. We hope to reschedule this in the summer term and any payments already made on ParentPay will be held securely for this purpose.
- 1st April – The Animal Man is cancelled but may be rescheduled.
- 3rd April – Our Easter Service is cancelled.

PTA EVENTS:

The following adaptations have been made to the PTA events scheduled for this half term:

- 20th March - Mother's Day Present room will go ahead but with children choosing presents from a 'shop' in their classroom. We are sorry that we will not be able to wrap the presents this year.
- 27th March – Coin Snake Challenge is postponed. The money jars will be stored securely for now.
- 3rd April – Easter raffle is cancelled. Please come into the school office to collect any donated eggs.

SMILES:

SMILES will continue to run for as long as school remains open and for as long as we have the necessary number of staff to run it. Please note that parents will need to sign children in and out of SMILES from the external doors and not enter the buildings.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

These will continue to run until the Easter break. If you do not wish your child to attend please contact the club provider directly. Flyers for next half term will not be sent out for now but we will reassess the situation after the Easter break.

OTHER

We have undertaken several other measures – these include stopping all whole assemblies, cancelling food technology lessons, ceasing the use of playdough and sand in reception. All children have had a 'Hygiene Lesson' – please help us by reinforcing effective handwashing at home and reminding your child about the Catch it-Bin it-Kill it technique when sneezing and coughing. Please remember to send your child into school with a supply of tissues in a pocket so they have quick access to a tissue at all times.

HOME LEARNING

Many parents have enquired about Home Learning whilst children are in isolation. We are currently working on guidance for parents which will be regularly updated and this will continue should the government decide to close schools or if we are forced to close all or part of school due to lack of staff. A link can for parents be found on the home page of our school website:

<https://www.telford-inf.warwickshire.sch.uk/web/home/295603>

These are unprecedented times and the intention of these measures is to get things as right as we can for the children and the whole school community - I am extremely grateful for your understanding and support.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank publicly all of my team who are continuing to make every day the very best they can for the children.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Siân Oustayiannis
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with support from Mrs Sarah Boad – Chair of Governors

