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Dear Parents

### **Urgent Covid-19 Update**

If you are worried - keep your child at home. Parents should make their own decision. Whatever decision you make you will have my full support. Under these exceptional circumstances, it will not affect their register mark. I would rather a child miss school for a short period of time than risk the health of a relative.

The staff have been working hard on preparing work to be sent home and the school is prepared for closure.

Current Government advice that you should self-isolate if any member of your household has a fever (over 37.8 degrees C) or a new, continuous cough **even if you have no symptoms yourself. All members of the household should stay at home for a period of 14 days.** If this new guidance affects your family, please let us know that you intend to keep your child at home with the reason.

### **External trips**

We have cancelled all external trips (most sporting events we were attending have been cancelled) which will include swimming.

### **External visitors**

We ask that no external visitors come into the school. This will include our Friday assemblies and Parent Forums.

Sadly yet understandably, FoDS have had to cancel the Easter Egg hunt around the village and we will not be holding an Easter service this year.

We will continue to keep our school running for as long as is possible or as long as the government believes it is safe to do so.

Best wishes

Victoria Withers

Headteacher

