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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

RE: Coronavirus and other information

Further to information yesterday, which you will no doubt have seen in the media, schools at this time remain open. We would now ask, in line with the National Guidance, that children stay at home for 14 days if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. In addition, if anyone else in the household has a continuous cough or high temperature then the household should self-isolate for 14 days. Otherwise they should attend school as normal. If children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature you will be requested to come and collect your child with any siblings.

School will continue to remain open as long as we have the staff available to do so or the Government direct us otherwise. A number of our staff fall into the vulnerable categories and therefore we have to ensure their safety as well as that of the children.

We have been asked to compile a list of children whose parents work in any of the public services i.e. health profession, teachers, fire service, police, paramedics etc. Could you please text into school on 07860 055433 giving your child's name/s and class/es and advise us which public service your family falls into. It is possible we may be asked to run a service within the school for children of these families should all schools close.

Some of you may be aware that Mrs Gaskain is currently not in school. This is not related to COVID-19, sadly her father has passed away and she is therefore on compassionate leave. She is hoping to return before the end of this term. However, Mrs Gaskain is leaving us for pastures new at the end of this term and we would like to thank her for all of her hard work teaching and supporting children throughout the school over the last 5 years. She will be sadly missed. We have employed a new teacher, Mrs Haybourne who will be working in Garnet Class 3 days per week and will be very ably supported by Mr Baker on a Thursday and Friday. We are sure you and your children will welcome Mrs Haybourne at the start of Term 5.

Additionally, Mr Perry is currently not in school. His wife is pregnant and therefore is remaining away from school to ensure the safety of his family.

Today we have capacity to run Platinum After School Club. However, from tomorrow we sadly will not have staff capacity to run this. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. In addition the Holiday Club that was due to run in the Easter Break will also no longer be able to be provided. Please contact Mrs Bravery if you have any questions relating to this.

All clubs that run after school have now been cancelled. We will let you know when we are able to resume these.

We feel it is prudent to now refund the monies paid for the Mother's Day Event. Whilst we hope this is only a postponement, we cannot be certain of any timescales so it would not be appropriate for us to hold on to your money. We will therefore ensure this is refunded to you by the end of this week.

As we all now know, the current situation regarding COVID-19 continues to change daily and we will continue to update you regularly.

Yours sincerely

Miss T Cadwallader
Acting Head of School

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