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Dear Parents and carers,

We have collected together information relevant to covid-19 plans and put them on an easily accessible page on the website Covid-19 for ease of reference. For those families who are self-isolating at home, you will find a list of activities on this page that your child could complete during this period. Children will bring home an exercise book today that can be used during a period of learning at home. If your child is not in school and you would like to arrange for a neighbour to collect an exercise book for you, please advise us by email and the exercise book will be sent home with them. Mathematics logins and Times tables Rock Stars logins are in these books as a reminder. Please prioritise health and wellbeing and only complete activities if you and your child are well enough.

The staff also have to adhere to the guidance issued by the government. We will review staffing levels daily and advise you as soon as we are able to do so if staff self-isolation requires a partial or complete closure of school, or for example, we become unable to provide Breakfast or Afterschool Care. We have no plans to do so at this point, but it is a dynamic situation. We have already put contingency plans in place for different scenarios and the staff team is working extremely hard in these challenging circumstances; thank you for your support and particularly for understanding that they are not going to be able to put together bespoke work packages for individual pupils under these circumstances.

Social distancing measures

- Swimming lessons are cancelled until further notice
- Friday's 3.15pm cake sale will go ahead with the following important changes: it will be held **outdoors** in the playground and only **individually wrapped goods** will be on sale
- ACA coaching will not be taking place in school from 18th March until further notice.
- Jake Kennett will communicate with parents directly if the Marshall Arts classes were to be suspended in the future: there is no change to the current arrangements yet. (He is on holiday this week)
- **Information from Rev'd Peter about suspension of Community Café and Church Services:** In line with Government advice, Community Café sessions have been suspended until further notice. The Church of England has also taken the decision to suspend Sunday and midweek public worship until Government advice changes. Worship and ministry will continue in other forms (e.g. with online streaming of some services) and you are invited to contact Revd. Peter for more information, or just to talk:
Tel: 01869 572272
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Email: revpeterwright@gmail.com
- The Easter Service scheduled to take place in St Mary's Church at the end of term has been cancelled
- The PTA Easter Egg Hunt has been postponed until further notice; you will find further information on the PTA facebook fundraising page and a message in tomorrow's newsletter

The **new guidance for households with symptoms** announced on Monday is below

- › if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started
- › if you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- › for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

The symptoms are:

- › A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- › A new, continuous cough

The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found here:

- › <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Kindest regards,



Jane Paterson