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'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
Luke 10:27

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You will no doubt appreciate that the school and everyone else in the community are operating under very exceptional circumstances at the moment. On behalf of the school we wish all school community and their family and friends the very best over the coming weeks and months. It will take a special community effort to look after one another in the current climate. Pupil absence today has been higher than usual but not excessive. We appreciate the role that parents have played and will continue to play in deciding the best course of action for their children in the light of new information and virus updates.

The current advice is:

To support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 14 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 14 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection. **This advice now includes all members of that household to self-isolate whether they have the symptoms or not.**

The symptoms are:

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

Staff absence is minimal at the moment but may rise as the situation develops. My staff are under clear instructions to self-isolate should they develop the symptoms.

Home Learning Preparation

When appropriate we will be sending out advice to parents concerning the arrangements for home learning should there be a school closure in the future. This will include year group learning packs and access to online resources.

Cancellation of School Clubs and Visitors to School

We have taken the decision to cancel all extra sport and fixtures for the foreseeable future. We have also restricted visitor access to school to help protect members of our community which includes volunteer readers etc. This decision has been taken in light of the current government guidance.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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