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Dear Parent/Carer,

The issues and potential issues around the spread of the Coronavirus are being well documented in the media. I am conscious that it is an ever-changing scenario and the regular news updates, whilst keeping us informed, may also lead to speculation and alarm. I want to assure you that we are doing all we can as a school to minimise the risk to your children. The safety and well-being of all our pupils is paramount. We are following guidance issued by Public Health Wales, the details of which are available on the school website in the Parents section.

Our children have been made aware of the need to wash hands regularly with soap and water and the importance of 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' and these important messages are being reinforced regularly by staff. Our cleaning staff and caretaker have been briefed on the importance of the daily cleaning of touch points such as door handles, handrails, desk tops, taps etc. All soap dispensers are regularly replenished.

At this critical time, I would ask for your cooperation in keeping your child off school should they be unwell. Childhood illnesses spread very quickly due to their close contact with others in the school setting. It is therefore essential that, in line with the latest advice, they should not be sent to school if they have the following symptoms:

- A high temperature or fever
- A new continuous/persistent cough
- Flu like symptoms or a heavy cold

They should not come to school and should self-isolate for 7 days. Please report any periods of absence and provide the reason, as per our usual procedure. We may contact parents during the school day to request they collect their children if they have a fever and/or a persistent cough.

Please also keep your child off school if they are vomiting or have diarrhoea. In both cases they should remain at home for 48hrs after the vomiting or diarrhoea has stopped.

I understand that it can be difficult to arrange childcare at short notice however it is essential that you do so to avoid putting other children and staff at risk.

Our Senior Leadership Team is regularly assessing latest developments and discussing arrangements should circumstances deteriorate further. This includes consideration of school trips and planned events, particularly those that will result in large numbers gathering together. All future trips may be

subject to last minute cancellation. Every effort will be made to minimise disruption and disappointment however, as previously stated, our main priority is the safety and well-being of our children. Regrettably, the following decisions have been taken:

- Daily Collective Worships – In class not whole school
- After School Clubs – cancelled with immediate effect
- Dogs Trust Workshop – cancelled
- Nursery & Reception mothering Sunday Service Monday 23rd March – cancelled
- Y3 Collective Worship for Parents – Thursday 26th March – cancelled
- Netball Festival Friday 27th March – cancelled
- Safeguarding Training Monday 30th March – cancelled
- Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade – still on but no Parents to attend
- Easter Church Service – Thursday 2nd April - cancelled

The school will continue to use the following communication channels:

- School website
- Emails
- Texts
- Twitter

Please see links on this letter head. If you need any support accessing these please contact the school office. Please ensure we have your up to date contact details.

If you plan to travel overseas please follow the guidance issued by the relevant authorities on your return home.

As you will appreciate, this is a new and unprecedented situation for schools to manage and we appreciate your ongoing support as we seek to follow the advice given to us. I therefore urge everyone to follow the Public Health Wales guidelines and the points I have brought to your attention as together we play our part to minimise the impact of the Coronavirus.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S Hamer

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