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We will give all children the opportunity to be who God created them to be and have fullness of life.

Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We understand that this may be a worrying time with the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the increase in the number of confirmed cases in the UK.

We wanted to reassure you that we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously and whilst there is currently no cause for concern at our school we will ensure that we keep you updated with any developments, including any alterations to the usual running of our school or closure that may occur.

Current guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE) remains that schools stay open; however, it is possible this advice may change at short notice as the spread of coronavirus continues. If we are required to close our school, we will take the necessary steps to ensure you are informed of the closure and that the effect on pupils' education is limited.

We are following all Government guidance in school including advising against non-essential travel and contact with others. As such you may see some changes to our provision. We will review all of these changes at Easter or in line with updated guidance that is issued.

- You may see some classes being taught in a slightly different way or by teachers other than their usual teacher.
- Visitors to school will be minimised.
- Focused cleaning is taking place in school.
- All staff and pupils are following all hand washing and hygiene guidance.
- All After School clubs (including Y6 Booster classes) will be cancelled from Wednesday 18th March 2020 until further notice
- Parent consultations/evenings will need to be postponed. Further details on how we will update parents will follow.
- We are minimising contact through stopping whole school worship and assemblies.
- We will not attend all visits that had previously been planned. Many of these had also been cancelled by other parties. All of the events on the Spring Diary 2 (please see website for further information) will be rearranged until after this period of uncertainty. This postponement will include swimming lessons.

Breakfast Club will continue to run at present, however this may change with future guidance. To enable school to ensure that we have the correct staffing ratios, a breakfast club place must be booked by 4:00pm the previous day.

Thank you for all your co-operation and trust so far, it is much appreciated in these unprecedented times. We ask that you continue to work with us, following guidance provided by Public Health England and the Government and support us in the difficult decisions that we are having to make.

We will provide learning to pupils if schools are closed and would like to reassure parents that this is being managed in school so that we are ready for any changes in guidance. For the interim period, if pupils are in self isolation, they can access online learning resources via the class page on the school website. We hope that all our families, including wider families are well and we will continue to update all parents/carers by email and text. Please ensure that all contact details the school hold are the most up to date for yourselves to support us in any communication.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hill (Head Teacher) & Mrs Heaton (Executive Head Teacher and CEO NLLT)



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