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Dear Parents,

As you are aware as of last night we have as a country now moved in to the 'delay phase' of the Coronavirus outbreak.

The advice that we have been given is that all schools are currently to remain open, however we will make every effort to minimise risk in school. Actions will include;

- Sending staff and children home when presenting with any symptoms with or without a temperature or
- Sending staff and children home when they have been in close contact with anyone that is considered high risk (Due to constraints of GDPR and patient confidentiality we will be unable to discuss individual cases).

Preventative work in school will include

- Sharing of a hand washing assembly. Hand washing is being promoted throughout the day.
- Ensuring access to handwashing facilities in school at all times.

We have cancelled any outside events or trips this term and we are cancelling the Mother's Day lunch (monies will be reimbursed next week), Mrs Lambie's assembly on Wednesday 18th March, School Mass on Sunday 29th March, and the Easter Egg hunt as precautionary measures.

Unless we get a confirmed case of either a member of staff or a pupil having coronavirus we will remain open and will continue to follow the current government advice.

Further to this, the government has given guidelines to all the population to self-isolate for 7 days if you or your child is presenting with symptoms. There is an online health checker and the link to this is <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19> . If you are in **any doubt** please access this service. The government have made it clear that everyone that presents with symptoms will not necessarily be tested for Coronavirus so we need to trust that everyone takes their duty of care to each other most seriously, and self isolates as advised.

As it stands school is still open and lessons will be taught as normal.

If your child is at home, they can access an online learning platform using their login. Login details can be located in children's reading diaries. Please encourage them to read as much as possible also. Please go to: www.purplemash.com

Thank you for your ongoing support and if advice or our current situation changes we will respond to this as swiftly as possible to keep you informed.

You can find the official information and guidance on coronavirus on NHS England's website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Best Regards

St Mary's Governing Body, Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team