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Dear Parents,

I am sure that you are aware that yesterday the Government updated its guidance and this has implications for school life.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

- If one person in any household has a persistent cough or temperature, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days and self-isolate.

Self-isolation guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

- If people are high risk or classed as vulnerable, then in the next few days they will be asked to stay at home for 12 weeks and follow the social distancing measures. Information about what this group covers, and social distancing advice can be found here:

Social distancing advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

If your child is going to be absent for either of the reasons above then please continue to follow school absence reporting and phone the office on the first day of absence. We will then keep the register up to date and you do not need to phone in daily. If your child is absent for another reason then please continue to let the office know on a daily basis.

SCHOOL EVENTS

One of the key pieces of advice is to avoid gatherings, crowded places and confined spaces which is going to have implications for school life. We will be following recommendations and have taken the following action to safeguard our community:

- Parents Evening this evening will still take place for those that wish to attend. If you do attend, please ensure that you take all the necessary steps following guidance.
- All school trips – residential and non-residential - and inter school events/fixtures will be postponed until further notice.
- Volunteers and visitors will be asked not to visit school, this will include music teachers and extra-curricular activities including Tag Rugby club, Dodgeball, Dance, Eco and Premier Sports Clubs.
- Church services and performances will be postponed.



By minimising contact we can reduce the risk of the virus spreading.

We recognise that there will be potential financial implications with cancelling events. These cannot be resolved immediately and will take some time to sort out. Please bear with us and if reimbursements need to take place these will happen in due course.

Unfortunately, this does mean that "Pirates of the Curry Bean" will be postponed. I know that the children have been working very hard and I know you will be disappointed, but I am sure that you understand the reasons why we must follow the Government guidance. The children will continue rehearsing and perform to the rest of the school.

I know a few people have been asking questions about the future and I am guided by the daily information from the Government. At the present time schools are staying open and we have a fantastic team at Uppingham C of E who are all working hard.

We are putting plans in place so that if school does have to close the children can continue with their education. Initially this would be a paper pack sent home and then after that we would be using Class Dojo to communicate with parents. Please can you all check that your logs ins work and pop into the office if you need another log in.

This situation is ever changing, and I will keep you all up to date with any relevant changes. If you have any questions or concerns then please phone the school and I will be happy to talk with you. It is important that we all follow the guidance and work together in this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

J. Exton

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