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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this letter, I am aware that there is understandable growing concern regarding the spread of Coronavirus and the measures needed to contain and delay infection.

Please be assured that as a school we are following government guidance, monitoring and supporting all children and staff. For now, it is very much business as usual but I wanted to share some of our contingency planning and highlight some important issues

Current Health Advice:

The current advice is still that you should stay at home for 7 days if you have coronavirus symptoms which are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough- this means you've started coughing repeatedly.

You are told not to go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You are advised to use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days.

You are requested only to call 111 if you cannot get the help you need online.

Therefore, we ask you to please not to send your child to school if they are unwell.

- They must not come to school if they have a temperature of 37.8 or above. Children that develop a temperature at school will need to be collected immediately, so please ensure that you are contactable or that we have the telephone number of somebody that is. Children should remain at home for 7 days.
- They must not come to school if they have a persistent cough or develop a new cough. Again, children should remain at home for 7 days.

We do appreciate that this guidance and new measures may cause some inconvenience to parents, but during these uncertain times we have to safeguard children and staff and do everything we can to contain this disease.

In the event of a confirmed case of Coronavirus in school we would immediately contact the Public Health England Health Protection Team and adhere to their instructions. Advice on the management of pupils and staff would be based on their assessment. The Health Protection Team would then contact the patient directly to advise on isolation etc.

We are also aware that for children with underlying medical conditions COVID-19 may be more severe. If you are at all concerned, please consult NHS 111 and talk to the school once you have their advice.

The World Health Organization also have a wide range of useful advice and information on their website.

Self-Isolating

If one of your children is having to self-isolate due to displaying symptoms we are happy for siblings to self-isolate as well even if they are showing no symptoms. Due to these unusual circumstances we won't be rewarding good attendance in the usual way so that you are able to make sensible choices for your family without pressure from us.

Home Learning during Self-Isolation

We have been busy preparing some ideas for home learning should your child need to self-isolate or if we have to put partial or full school closures into action.

We would strongly encourage all children to:

- Read as regularly as possible
- Continue to practice spellings for their age group – we will provide lists of key words should you require them
- Continue to learn key mathematics facts (eg: number facts that add to make 10, times tables etc)
- Stay connected to others – we have so many ways to do this nowadays that doesn't involve face-to-face contact.

We would also recommend the following websites for now:

1. Oxford Owl -

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home>

There are lots of books that your child can access and read online here but there are also other games and subjects- do check it out! We will send out the logins for each class for this page.

2. BBC Bitesize -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

A website that has been around for a long time but has a wealth of resources that are free to access.

3. Khan Academy – <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

This website is a non-profit organisation who aim to provide a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere. Check it out.

4. Brain Training Puzzles - <http://www.braintrainingpuzzle.co.uk/arithmic-training.php>

We will provide further advice should schools be closed in the future.

School

A number of school events have unfortunately had to be postponed or cancelled. We are working hard to ensure that we keep parents as up-to-date as possible. As a school we are very lucky that attendance of parents/carers and wider family members at school events is

high. During these uncertain times we are unfortunately having to cancel a number of events which families would normally be invited to:

- **End of Term Collective Worship**
- **Easter Service**
- **Parent's Evening**
- **Football and Netball tournaments before the Easter holiday**
- **Lions' Play in a Day performance to parents, this will be recorded and parents will be invited to view at a later date.**

At this point the government have not instructed schools to close, or that pupil/staff ratios can be changed, but with new advice to isolate for 7 days, this may impact staffing levels. We will be monitoring the situation on a daily basis, as this could have a significant impact on our ability to safely run the school or parts of the school.

Should this become the case, following consultation, we would and inform parents of any changes. We have also devised a plan to minimise risk and what we would do in the event that schools have to close. The primary source of information for parents will be via text and the school website. **If you have changed any of your contact details, then please inform the school office as soon as possible.**

Contact

Please do continue to stay in contact with the school if your child is absent or if you have any questions or concerns at this time. We want to do our utmost to support you and your family. Any e mails should be sent to admin@nacton.suffolk.sch.uk and these will be forwarded to relevant staff members.

Thank you for your understanding at this time.

Kind regards

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