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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that we continue to follow the advice from Public Health England (PHE), the Department of Education (DfE) and other professional bodies. This includes reviewing all trips and events case by case and looking at ways of providing continuity of teaching in the event that schools are called to close.

Further to the advice provided from the Prime Minister and Chief Medical Officer at 5pm on 12th March 2020 we urge all parents to be clear on the following:

- If your child has a continuous cough **and/or** a temperature of 37.5C or higher, you must keep your child at home for a period of 7 days from the time that these symptoms are noticed.
- At the end of that 7 day period, pupils can return to School if they are feeling better e.g. no temperature. We would recommend the use of either traditional 'under the tongue' or digital forehead or ear thermometers, rather than the strip-type thermometers which are not accurate enough in these precise circumstances.

The link to this Government advice can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Can I remind you that if you have travelled in one of the recognised areas of concern (i.e. countries with travel restrictions) that you should not be visiting the school and your children should not be in attendance until a suitable period of self-isolation has occurred. I am sure that you will all be following PHE advice and supporting the school by encouraging your children to do the same.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Mather
Headteacher