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Dear Parents / Carers

We have completed yet another week dealing with the pressures that the COVID-19 pandemic has forced upon us and I fully appreciate the worry and anxiety that this situation is causing everybody. I am sure we all have loved ones that we are concerned about at this present time. What is important is that we continue to follow the government's guidance around social distancing to try and arrest the spread of the virus:

- Avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). These symptoms include high temperature and/or new and continuous cough. If contact has been made, then self-isolation should be employed. That is **seven** days for the person displaying the symptoms or until they are better and **fourteen** days for any other person living in the same house.
- Avoid non-essential use of public transport when possible.
- Stay at home and only leave for essential reasons- shopping, one hour of daily exercise or for a justified medical reason.
- Avoid any gatherings in public spaces, noting that pubs, restaurants, leisure centres and similar venues are currently shut as infections spread easily in closed spaces where people gather together.
- Avoid gatherings with friends and family. Keep in touch using remote technology such as phone, internet, and social media.
- Use telephone or online services to contact your GP or other essential services.

We will continue to offer support to all our families during this challenging time. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any help or advice. Padlet is now up and running and I am pleased to see that many children are making use of this on-line learning resource. We will continue adding resources and activities for your child to use whilst they are unable to attend school. We appreciate that working from home is very different than being in lessons at school and obviously this presents some challenges for some children. Try to keep a routine and encourage your child to engage in learning experiences whilst they are home. Please look out for this week's newsletter which will provide you with more information regarding Padlet.

As you are aware the government has stopped all formal testing this academic year so there will be no phonics screening, multiplication test or KS1/KS2 SATs in primary schools. We are awaiting further guidance from the government regarding how outcomes will be awarded in light of this. I can assure you that teachers are currently writing your child's school report, so regardless of how long this situation lasts you will still receive a written update on your child's progress for this academic year.

For those of you who are eligible for Free School Meals, please be aware that a scam email is doing the rounds. The email requests you to provide your bank details. DO NOT respond to this. I will continue communicating with you regarding FSM options, none of which will require that I ask for your bank details.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding and above all – **stay safe**

Yours sincerely

Miss A Nuttall
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