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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your continued support of the school in following the advice and guidance of Public Health England to ensure those in our community are kept as safe as possible from COVID-19, whilst maintaining the best education service possible.

We will continue to closely monitor and implement any required action following the daily Government advice we are receiving. It is very difficult to predict what might happen, but as a school, we have taken steps to plan as best as we can for future events; we appreciate your continued support and understanding in these unprecedented times.

This letter includes advice about:

- What to do if your child presents potential symptoms
- How to contact us should your child need to self-isolate
- Advice for students who are immunocompromised (medically at risk)
- School events
- After school clubs
- Mitigating staff shortage
- Home learning

1. What to do if your child presents potential symptoms

Public Health England has stated that the most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are the recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature of 37.8 degrees or above

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection but if your child or anyone in the household has the symptoms listed above, **the whole family** should self-isolate for 14 days.

Article 29 : Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

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We are requesting that all staff AND families follow the advice above.

2. How do you contact us to report an absence?

Please call the school office on 01903 773177 between 8.30am and 9.30am or alternatively email the office on secretary@epinf.co.uk. If you are leaving a message on the answerphone please clearly state your child's name, class and the reason for their absence.

3. Advice for students who are "immunocompromised" (medically at risk)

If your child is immunocompromised (has an underlying health condition which makes them more vulnerable) and you are choosing to self-isolate despite no one in the family having any symptoms, again please contact the school office giving the above details plus details of how your child or family member is immunocompromised.

4. School events

We have taken the decision to cancel the following school events:

- JustDifferent visit to Y2 – Friday 20th March
- FEPIS AGM – Friday 20th March
- Y1 Stay and Play sessions – Monday 23rd March to Thursday 26th March
- KS1 Steel Pans workshop – Monday 23rd March – as yet unknown
- Bags of Support – Thursday 26th March
- FEPIS disco – Thursday 26th March
- Open Morning – Friday 27th March
- Time to Dance – Monday 30th March – as yet unknown
- YR assembly – Friday 3rd April
- YR trip to Sealife Centre – 29th April (details of refunds to follow in separate letter)
- All locality sport events

Parents Consultations Tues 17th & Thurs 19th March – **these are still running but not for families in isolation.** For families who are unable to attend this week's parent consultations, teachers will arrange to meet with you separately when your child is back in school.

5. After school clubs

As yet, we have had no external club providers who have cancelled, so clubs are continuing to run as normal at this point.

6. Mitigating staff shortage

We intend to stay open for as long as we are advised to, but may need to take appropriate measures depending on staffing levels. Our priority has to be the safety of the children which may be compromised if staff levels drop due to self-isolation. One way in which we could consider remaining open could be to ask for any volunteers who have a DBS to come in and support us for short periods (particularly at lunchtime) if they are able to – we will send out an email if this action is needed.

7. Home learning

If you are self-isolating with your family and your child is well you can access remote learning through the websites noted below.

www.scholastic.com/learnathome

www.twinkl.co.uk/offer (code needed: UKTWINKLHELPS)

Should the school be required to close, teachers will provide work for children to complete at home that is more closely linked with current topics and learning taking place in school. Provision will be via the Pupil Secure Area on the school website (found under the Children's section). You will need your username and password to access this.

Thank you once again for your support of the school and understanding during this challenging time. We intend to do the very best for our children and will work tirelessly to support them, whatever the challenge we face.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Claire New". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs C New
Headteacher