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Dear families,

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – plan for possible school closure

As you will no doubt be aware, the Government has announced increased measures to tackle the coronavirus outbreak. At the time of writing this, **no school closures have been advised** so children who are fit for school without symptoms of coronavirus can continue to come to school as normal.

Our number one priority is the safety and well-being of all members of our school community and we understand that the latest guidance advises pregnant women and people with health conditions such as diabetes should take extra care to avoid social contact. If this information is relevant to you or your child, please research the current advice for you given at <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response> You may need to isolate yourself or your child and we urge you to read this guidance carefully.

We want to assure you that we have been planning for this situation and for a potential school closure. If schools are told to close by Public Health England (PHE), each child will have a pack of learning activities to complete at home. Staff are preparing these now and they will comprise of work booklets, reading books, maths practice and recommended websites that children can use to continue their learning while away from school. We recommend that children follow a similar timetable to their school day and have outlined a suggested timetable below:

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| Before 9am | Wake up | Breakfast, make your bed, get dressed and tidy your night clothes away |
| 9-10am | Exercise | Go for a walk and get some fresh air |
| 10-11am | Learning time | NO ELECTRONICS – study books, reading and times tables practice |
| 11-12 noon | Creative time | Lego, drawing, craft, music or baking |
| 12-12.30pm | Lunch | Make a healthy lunch and drink plenty of water |
| 12.30-1pm | Jobs | Help out with jobs around the house – clean the table and chairs, wipe door handles, etc. |
| 1-2pm | Quiet time | Reading, puzzles |
| 2-3.15pm | Learning time | Study books and websites/online study (not gaming or social media) |

Some children and families may be concerned about forthcoming SATs arrangements and we will keep you updated on any advice we receive from the Department for Education. We will, of course, keep families informed of any additional guidance given as and when we receive it.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Brown
 Head Teacher

