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## Learning Living Loving Together

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Dear Parents/Carers

In light of the continuing and developing situation with Covid-19 (Coronavirus) in the UK, and the available information and advice from the Government and health authorities, I am writing to update you on the action, we at William Law are taking over the coming weeks.

As you are probably aware, the Government's guidance on the Coronavirus has changed from the '**contain**' phase, to one of '**delaying**' the spread of the virus.

We're getting in touch to let you know what school is doing in light of this, and what we expect from all of you (and how we need your assistance) to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We would like to reassure you that at William Law we are taking all of the necessary steps to protect our school community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the Government.

I have made the following decisions in consultation with the Chair of Governors.

### What's the current situation?

The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we have been given which we are following.

The Hive breakfast and after school club will run as normal.

Clubs held after school will run as normal.

Pupils should attend school unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they **should remain at home for 7 days**:

- a new, continuous cough and/or
- a temperature

If your child is unwell, please report this as you would normally, by contacting the school office.

- The Year 4 production of Alice in Wonderland is cancelled. I do apologise for the upset this will cause, as we do understand how much the children were looking forward to this production.
- There will be no more assemblies with large numbers of children. There will be a quiet reflection in the classes each morning with a thought of the day and a prayer.
- The excellence assembly and Easter assemblies are cancelled.

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- There will be no further trips this term. The trip to Cadbury's World is cancelled. Payments made will be refunded.
- Forest school will happen on site but no further trips to Ferry Meadows.
- Swimming and all sporting fixtures with other schools are cancelled.
- Come Dine with Me will still happen in school.
- There will be no stay and learn at this time.
- Year 4 Expo will not take place and the Easter Egg competition will take place but no parents will be invited.
- Our usual volunteer helpers are still welcome in school
- At the moment all children will still eat lunch in the hall and the catering staff have put in measures in keeping within their 5 \* hygiene rating
- In consultation with the School Association the Easter school discos are cancelled.

### **What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff**

- We will continue to use antibacterial hand sanitiser when every child enters school, before lunch and before they go home.
- We have enforced a cleaning schedule which includes door handles
- We have been teaching about hand-washing, this will continue
- Any children presenting anxiety can see the learning mentors

### **What we need you to do**

If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via e-mail or telephone. Please ensure school has your email address so that you receive any Parentpay communications.

Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It's a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. [BBC Newsround](#) has regular updates for younger children and [YoungMinds](#) has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety

If we ask you to, come and collect your child straight away, (we'll contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)

### **What happens if the school has to close?**

We'll only close if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school.

In either case:

- We will alert parents/carers to closure through Parentpay communication, hardcopy for those who need that, via Twitter and a post on our website
- We will let parents/carers know when school reopens via Parentpay communication, Twitter and the school website

We are currently working on learning packs which will be sent home if we have to close the school.

Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare.

**There are currently no plans to close school.**

### **If you have any questions**

Please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- [NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's [travel advice](#), if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

It is a tricky time and we know you are worried about the impact this might have on our community. It's important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

As you know, these are unprecedented times and we have reached the decision to cancel events after the most careful consideration.

We apologise for the disappointment this will cause but believe the health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community comes first.

Thank you for your continued support and we will keep you updated with any changes to the current situation.

Yours sincerely



Mrs T Cunningham  
Headteacher

