

17<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I'd like to thank you for your on-going support and understanding with regards to the on-going escalation with COVID19 and the government updates.

To clarify, we are following all guidance and advice from the government. This includes any staff members and pupils who are showing symptoms, or who live with someone who has symptoms, to now self-isolate for 14 days in the first instance.

I am sure you will also be aware that within the last 24 hours, the government have released an updated list of cohorts of people who are most vulnerable and included within this list are people with a diagnosis of one or more of the following:

- long term respiratory diseases, including asthma
- chronic heart and kidney disease
- diabetes
- cerebral palsy
- chronic neurological conditions, including a learning difficulty


Taking the above list into account, I urge you to seriously consider whether or not to send your child into school.

I have made the decision to close Pears Class from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March inclusive. All pupils who are in Pears Class cannot attend school for the next three days. This decision has not been made lightly and is a result of staffing levels being at a level where it is now impossible to guarantee the safety of all pupils should we open fully.

I will continue to keep you all updated via the school's website and social media sites, in addition to sending letters home.

In the case of a complete closure, updates will be sent using the TextRound service and social media sites.

Yours Sincerely,



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