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Dear Parents and Carers,

Update - COVID-19

Following the government press conference this evening, schools have been directed to close at the end of Friday 20th March for the majority of pupils, until further notice. We are yet to understand the extent of the new arrangements. The statement said that: schools will remain open for those children with EHCPs, those with a social worker and the children of key workers. If this applies to your child, we will inform you when we have more guidance.

Changes at school this week

- Morning interventions are cancelled
- Music lessons through Kingston Music Service, including Y4 ukulele are cancelled
- Someone different may be teaching your child's class or taking interventions and some interventions are not running

Parents/carers need to inform the school URGENTLY if they believe that they may be a key worker as outlined in the letter of 17.3.20.

The school has a plan in place and will be writing to you in the next 2 days with arrangements for the period that the school will be closed for the majority of pupils. We will also be updating people regularly and maintaining contact during the closure period.

The advice remains that anyone who lives with someone who has a cough or a temperature should stay home for 14 days. Please take additional advice if you have pre-existing health conditions or are pregnant.

Symptoms that mean you should self-isolate are:

- a high temperature (37.8 degrees Celsius and above)
- a new, continuous cough



Advice from Public Health Kingston is:

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home. People who are self-isolating with mild symptoms do not need to be tested for COVID-19.

Urgent advice: use the [NHS 111 online coronavirus service](#) if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.

Please regularly check the NHS website for further updates and advice: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

Please continue to stay calm - the children and staff have been brilliant and are working hard as usual.

Yours sincerely,



Emily Newton
Headteacher