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Dear Parents and Carers

17th March 2020

As you know the situation with the Corona virus continues to move quickly and following on from my last email/letter here is the most recent update.

We have decided to postpone parents evening and the Easter Bonnet Parade. We will have the Easter Service in school but unfortunately parents will not be invited. If you wish discuss your child's report, then please contact their class teacher via the office and we will arrange for a way to discuss it with you.

Included in the email is the most recent information from the Local Authority (see below).

Schools currently remain open and will aim to do so until advised by the Department for Education and Public Health England.

However, following the latest government announcement, there has been a change to the advice on self-isolation and vulnerable groups.

If you and your child are well, please continue to come to school.

If you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms, then all members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days.

The symptoms are: a new persistent cough and/or a high temperature.

The following groups are also requested to remain at home.

- Age >70
- Adults who are eligible for a free flu vaccination due to a long-term health condition.
- Those who are immunocompromised.

For further information, please [visit the West Sussex County Council website](#) - which also includes links to the latest government advice.

This is a fast moving situation and we will continue to update when we have more information.

We are also drawing up plans so that the children will still be able to undertake meaningful work at home should school closures happen. To this end, please ensure that we have your current email address and also every day please check for and read emails from school. This will probably be the most effective way of communicating if schools do close.

On a personal note after two kidney transplants, the latest being in December 2014, I have a heavily suppressed immune system, therefore, I have taken the Government's advice to work from home. I am in daily regular contact with school and will be able to call parents who have any specific concerns if necessary.

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Yours sincerely

R P Yelland

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