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Head Teacher: Mrs G Metcalfe BA Hons NPQH

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are all working very hard in school to keep disruption to a minimum and to ensure that everything continues to run smoothly until advised otherwise. For the safety of all staff and children we are keeping external visitors into school to essential only.

We are in unchartered waters but we are receiving daily advice. School will remain open until such time that we are advised to close or we do not have enough staff to run safely and effectively.

To avoid overloading the admin email and telephone system, please avoid contacting the school office unless it is an emergency as we are receiving a higher volume of communications than normal which is time consuming. We are endeavouring to keep you updated as soon as decisions are made and information received. A new page will be created on the website today entitled 'In the Event of Closure'. This is purely contingency planning however, if your child is at home self-isolating this will be the page to go to for school work. Please do not telephone or email the school office for school work, staff are working incredibly hard to ensure that those families currently self-isolating receive information regarding work.

If school is advised to close, staff will continue to work form home and provide valuable lesson advice which the school office will post on the website.

- Parents' Evening consultations will be via telephone.
- Staff will greet children at the door in the morning as you will appreciate we are trying to keep contact to a minimum as we have been advised.
- After-School Clubs will continue till 4:30pm for the moment but as of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Chill Club will be postponed until further notice.
- Currently all school trips are being suspended as these are considered an exposure for our children and staff to new people.
- As of today, there will be no Celebration Assemblies on a Friday.

Attached to this letter is a list of useful websites which should only be used in the event of a school closure. We are determined to carry on - business as usual!

If school is advised to close, please do not ring the school office as the phones will not be picked up. You will be notified via the Teacher2Parents app and the website.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs G Metcalfe Head Teacher

> PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT WE ARE A <u>NUT-FREE SCHOOL</u>. WE KINDLY REQUEST <u>NO</u> NUTS OR NUT DERIVATIVES ARE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL IN PACKED LUNCHES OR AS SNACKS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

We are all guided by the Slingsby Values for Life: Respect, Honesty, Resilience, Expectations and Caring for Others