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20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update regarding School Arrangements

School has done as much as it can to keep going and provide an educational service to you, its families, with the very little information given by the Local Authority and the government. We all know how easy it is to stand back and criticise at times like this, without being in full possession of the facts, thank you to all of you who have shown your incredible support.

As at 9am this morning we are still waiting for further guidance from NYCC as to how they plan to organise schools during this time. Again, thank you to those parents who have rung up to offer us advice or point us in the right direction, but please understand we have to follow official guidance, and have been planning for this as best we can for a good week.

A caution about social media coming! Please try to avoid seeking out information or vent your frustrations through this media. It is rarely a helpful thing to do and can cause more upset than it needs to. We fully appreciate childcare for a small minority will be an issue, but if we look at the bigger picture it is also equally important to ensure the health and safety of all those who work in school alongside the children. It is a huge concern for us to keep everyone healthy and we should all be practicing social distancing now. We have adults in school with complex health needs, and in the event of self-isolation school will just not be able to open.

Moving forward, I am contacting people today who have been identified as key workers. If you feel you qualify, and have not been contacted by noon today, by all means let me know, however the government advice is as follows **'If workers think they fall within the critical categories they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.'** They also state ' the

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fewer children making the journey to school and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society'. Please consider whether your need to work overrules the needs of vulnerable individuals in wider society.

If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. The more you mix with other people, the more likely you are to catch the virus and spread it to your own family and colleagues.

If your child is identified as a key worker's child, please note that in the event of them feeling unwell on a morning, it is not appropriate to still send them into school having had Calpol etc. The staff in school will contact a parent if a child appears even slightly unwell and you will be asked to collect them immediately.

Currently, the situation looks as though we will be fully closed for the Easter holiday, but I am working with other schools to try to find a solution to the potential childcare issue.

If I have further news, I will contact you today.

With very best wishes



Mrs G Metcalfe
Head Teacher

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you all for the ongoing support you continue to show to the School, Mrs Metcalfe and the staff during these unnerving and worrying times.

The team are working incredibly hard and doing everything they can to get what information they receive to you as quickly as possible via email, the website and Teachers2Parents and are doing a wonderful job.

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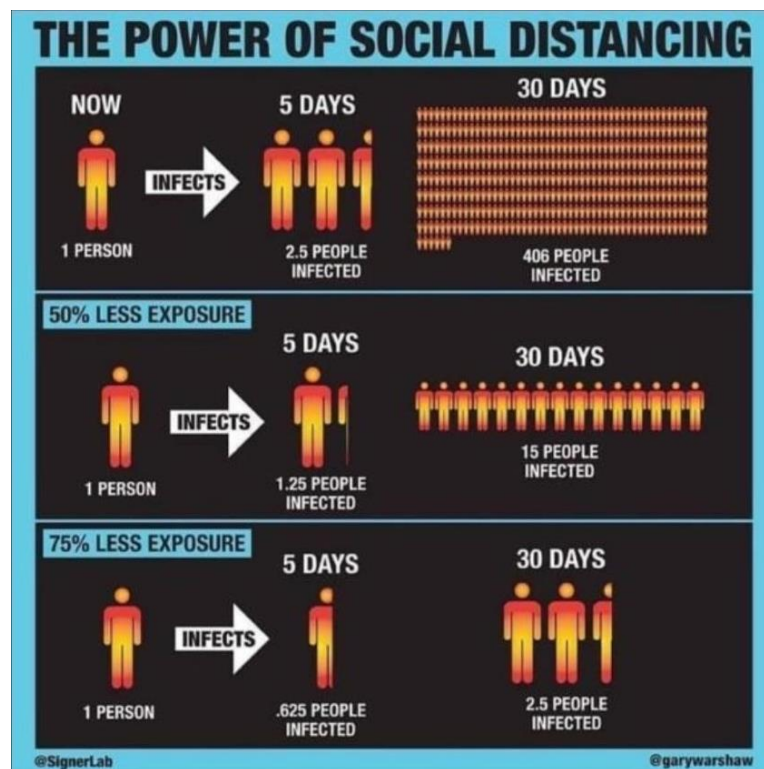
All Government Guidelines are being followed and information passed on in a timely manner. All possible precautions are being taken in school to look after the children and keep them feeling safe, and cared for in what is a difficult time for them all.

Thank you Mrs Metcalfe, Staff, Parents and Carers for all you are doing. It will be sad to see the school close today but we will all look forward to seeing our Slingsby Team back together when the time is right.

Take care everyone.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Wilson
Acting Chair of Governors



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