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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Covid-19

Following the government's decision to step up its response to the coronavirus, I have agreed that the school will now be undertaking the following measures to limit the staff and children's exposure to non-essential events outside of school:

- No after school club provision, this will be reviewed after the Easter break
- All school trips planned for the coming weeks will be postponed for the remainder of this half term. This will be reviewed when we return after the Easter break
- Year 5 swimming lessons at the Olympic Pool have been cancelled
- Year 4 Artburst sessions and performance will be postponed
- Regular hand washing and hygiene awareness will continue to be highly promoted
- Non-urgent meetings for staff to be postponed including parent consultations
- Consideration will be given to the need for non-urgent visitors to be in school
- Nursery and reception classes will remain closed till Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Should the government's response move to enforcing school closures, then staff are ready to set school work through the classroom's blogs on our website.

Virginia Primary School will remain open in line with Government and Public Health England guidance. In line with guidance anyone with a new and persistent cough, and/or a high temperature should self-isolate and stay away from school for at least 14 days alongside household members.

Further information from the Government can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

We will keep the community updated via the school website, text messaging and our social media. Please use the internet for advice about symptoms and call NHS 111 if your symptoms worsen. Please do keep in contact with the school in the normal way.

We will continue to respond to the guidance and advice issued by the government and Public Health England.

Thanking you in advance for your help and support.

**Barbara Lo Giudice**

