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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do feel communication is very important in these difficult times; therefore, I am writing this letter to update you on the latest developments regarding the COVID-19 Coronavirus. Like all other schools, we await further Government instructions regarding school closures in the coming days. In the meantime, we continue to keep our pupils as safe as possible. We are continuing to promote regular hand washing and all aspects of personal hygiene; all preventative measures remain in place and continue to be strictly adhered to.

In response to Government and Trust Board advice, we are going to have to take some steps to minimise the opportunity for the virus to spread. Sadly, as of tomorrow, Wednesday 18th March 2020, we are going to have to postpone some of our forthcoming events. Choir of the Year, Easter Bingo and all scheduled parent workshops have been postponed to a later date. All planned trips have been postponed or rearranged. Unfortunately, due to the large amount of children attending, we have had to cancel Mini Choir and KS2 Choir from next week. We have also had to cancel clubs which are not run by Devonshire staff; these include Y4/5 Girls, Y2/3 Dance and Y3/4 Multisports Clubs as of Wednesday 18th March. We have also had to cancel Parents' Evening, which was due to take place on Wednesday 8th April. However, we would like to reassure you that mid-term reports of your child's progress will still be sent out on Monday 6th April. Furthermore, assemblies such as Star of the Week and other class assemblies have also had to be cancelled.

I'm sure you have been keeping up to date with the Government guidelines on self-isolation. We continue to advise that if your child has a high temperature and/or a persistent new cough, they should self-isolate for 14 days. However, it does appear that from yesterday's announcement, any other people sharing the household should also self-isolate for 14 days. If you do choose to self-isolate a child, please make sure you let us know.

As you are aware, advice is changing on a day to day basis, but please be reassured that we will keep you up to date as best we can.

My very best wishes,

Mr D.P. Simm
Headteacher