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Dear parents and carers,

Following the Prime Minister's news broadcast yesterday, you will be aware that schools are to remain OPEN but we have all been given new instructions to **self-isolate for 14 days** if we or anyone in our household has a new continuous cough or a fever, high temperature (37.8 and above) or breathing difficulties. We must all take this exceptionally seriously for the good of all.

The government is clear that if a pupil, adult in the family or member of staff should self-isolate they must stay at home and must not go into public areas. If you as a parent are self-isolating because of a medical condition (diabetes type 2, low immune system etc.) which makes you vulnerable then your children should not attend school. Whether or not you agree with schools remaining open, we have been told to as part of the overall strategy to combat this virus and must play our part in cooperating with the national plan.

As such, from today, we have taken the decision to cancel our Parents Lunch tomorrow for Mrs Martindale's class, our Spring Sing and PTA Chocolate Bingo events where parents would be invited. I will contact you at another point about the planned Parents Evenings and if they will be going ahead or alternatively how you will receive information about your child's progress and attainment.

We will be suggesting activities for pupils to work on in the coming weeks. These will be on our school website by the end of this week.

Currently our daily class routines will remain largely the same, but this will be monitored on a daily basis and in light of further broadcasts from the Government. One of our biggest challenges is keeping safe staffing levels should many staff have to self-isolate. I will review this in conjunction with the wider senior management team and act accordingly.

Finally, we all need to adapt and change in this new world we now find ourselves living in. We need to follow the advice and keep one another safe. Further guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

Please note this guidance may change on a regular basis.

Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Mrs Jackson



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