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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Coronavirus (Covid-19) update – Tuesday 17th March 2020

I am writing to reassure you that, as always, the health and wellbeing of the community and your child's education during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is our top priority. We continue to be in close, regular contact with the relevant authorities to ensure we are following the latest guidance and medical advice.

You will be aware that the government updated its guidelines last night after our last communication was sent to parents. Therefore, please find below updated information for you as of today's date.

At present nurseries, schools and academies are advised to stay open, we are preparing in case the situation changes at any point.

Advice for parents and carers

New guidelines from the Government last night confirm that if you or anyone in your household has any of the symptoms listed below that the whole household should self-isolate for 14 days.

The incubation period of Covid-19 is between 2 and 14 days. This means that if a person remains well 14 days after contact with someone with confirmed coronavirus, it is unlikely that they have been infected. To help protect others in our community, you, and your child, should stay at home for 14 days restricting all social contact if you have either:

- **a high fever / temperature (37.8 degrees or higher)**
- **a persistent cough**

The current advice is that you do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital with mild symptoms. If your symptoms worsen then contact NHS 111 for further advice. The academy is unable to provide medical advice of any nature to pupils, staff or parents and carers. As the NHS will not be testing people who are self-isolating with mild symptoms it is very difficult for us to establish confirmed cases of Covid-19, and parents must make their own decisions about how to proceed.

Please report your child's absence to the academy or nursery in the usual way by leaving a message on the absence line or via email. **Please ensure that you state the full reason for your child's absence.**

Please do not call the academy for individual cases and notifications.

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Please refer to the following advice for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidancefor-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

All parents and carers must make the decisions regarding their own children and protect their health and wellbeing.

Academy Actions

If we reach a time when we have to close part or all of our setting, we will be committed to continuing your child's education and are actively looking at the best ways to do this outside Robsack Wood. We will provide further details in the event this becomes necessary plus additional guidance for our more vulnerable families.

Year 3 educational visit to Bedgebury Pinteum has now been **cancelled**.

Year 4 Swimming lessons will continue as planned, if staffing levels permit.

We appreciate that the advice and guidance is changing regularly and understand that this may cause frustration and worry amongst parents and pupils when routines and structures are changed or cancelled at late notice, we thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time.

We will continue to update you and alert you to any changes as soon as we are able to do so and all communication will be sent out via ParentPay plus uploaded onto our website. Please understand that we are unable to respond to all individual enquiries at this time.

If you have any further queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Caroline Thayre
Executive Principal