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Dear Parents/Carers

The Prime Minister's update yesterday afternoon restated that there will be no wide-spread school closures just yet so the school will remain open unless otherwise advised. The situation is changing daily and we are all - parents, carers and staff alike - using the information available to make informed decisions about how to act in the best interest of those in our care.

One change which does effect school procedures however, is the need for families to isolate for fourteen days rather than individuals for seven. In the unfortunate event that we should need to send a child home, we will also need to send any siblings from the household home too and ask them not to return to school for two weeks.

As well as measures identified in the letter sent yesterday, the school will now be implementing our own approach to social distancing by cancelling a range of visits and events for the rest of this term. Some of these cancellations may leave families feeling disappointed, however the decision has been taken with the best interest of the school community in mind; I hope you understand.

The affected events are:

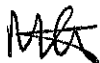
First Aid, Dodgeball and Karate - After School Clubs
Hockey Tournament at Three Hills - Wednesday 18th & 25th March
Girls Football at Three Hills - Thursday 19th March
PTA Bingo Night - Friday 20th March
EYFS Fun day at Three Hills – Tuesday 24th March
Year 4 Learning Together Event – Wednesday 25th March
Year 1 Dover Castle Trip - Wednesday 25th March
Easter Art Attack - Thursday 26th March
Year 4/5 Book Share - Thursday 26th March
PTA cake sale - Friday 27th March
Year 5 Swimming lessons
Year 5 Brass Lessons on Friday afternoons
Herald Cup matches
Parent Consultations
Rocksteady Concert

Additionally there will be no 100% attendance awards this year so that no child feels disadvantaged by this unprecedented circumstance.

The Mother's Day Market will still go ahead but with a revised format so that it can be run by school staff rather than PTA. The event will however take place on Thursday 19th March so children can bring their £2.50 in on this day in a named envelope and given to their class teacher.

Finally, I would like to ask for your support if possible. With shops low on many supplies, foodbanks are not receiving the donations they would normally use to support the local community. If you have even one item that you could donate, the school would like to make a collection that will be delivered to our local foodbank at the end of the week.

With very best wishes to you all



Mr Matthew Green
Headteacher