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Dear Parents/Carers,

### COVID -19 - UDATE 17.3.20

Further to our letter yesterday, we now have a further update regarding COVID-19. This is situation that is changing very quickly and has done so again since the announcement from the Government late yesterday.

We have very reluctantly taken the decision to postpone various events that were due to take place towards the end of this term. This decision has not been taken lightly, but feel that it is the appropriate action to take at this current time and hope that you are understanding of the very exceptional circumstances that we are currently facing.

The events that are either postponed or cancelled are as follows:

March 20<sup>th</sup> March 27<sup>th</sup> & April 3<sup>rd</sup> Swimming (CANCELLED)  
March 26<sup>th</sup> Oak Class Lunch (POSTPONED until Summer term)  
March 30<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 3.30-8.00pm (POSTPONED until Summer term)  
March 30<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 3.30-5.00pm (POSTPONED until Summer term)  
March 30<sup>th</sup> Easter Service (CANCELLED)  
April 1<sup>st</sup> Parent Council Meeting (POSTPONED until Summer term)  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> Mother's Day Lunch (CANCELLED)  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> Cups Assembly (CANCELLED)

The Parents' evenings that were scheduled for the end of term will be rescheduled for the beginning of the summer term. This is to safeguard the health of our pupils, staff and parents. If any parents have any specific concerns regarding their child's progress however, then please do contact school and staff will contact you by telephone to discuss these.

Although we have a number of children and their families who are self-isolating as a precautionary measure, we are keen to stress that we have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our school community. The most recent advice from the Government as of March 16<sup>th</sup> is if there is someone in your family who is presenting with symptoms then any individuals in the household should self-isolate and not leave their home for fourteen days from the onset of that individual's symptoms. This is the next stage of the public



awareness campaign which was launched by the Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock yesterday. Symptoms include a high temperature or a new continuous cough, however mild.

The Government has taken this further measure as it is likely that people living with others may infect each other or may in fact be infected already. They feel that staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall infection a household could pass on to others in the community.

The web link to the national guidance was sent out in the letter yesterday and the link is below for your reference.

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

I would ask that you take time to read this guidance carefully. It states that if possible, you should not go out even to buy food or other essentials, other than exercise, and in that case at a safe distance from others. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in your house became ill. If this is not possible, then you should do what you can to limit your social contact when you leave the house to get supplies.

At the moment, we are not aware of any plans for the Government to close schools, however, we are preparing for this possibility, with the aim of supporting children in continuing their learning and minimising any negative impact during this period of time.

Please bear in mind that this situation may change again following announcements by the Government. Therefore, we will continue to update parents via our school website at [www.hanwood.shropshire.sch.uk](http://www.hanwood.shropshire.sch.uk).

These are unprecedented times and all school staff are working hard to maintain provision for pupils and to minimise undue worry and anxiety for everyone, especially the children.

We hope that parents and carers appreciate that the need to safeguard the health and wellbeing of pupils and members of the community is of paramount importance and that is why we have made these decisions.

Best Regards,

Kate Budd