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COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

As I'm sure you will appreciate, we are currently dealing with a complex and rapidly changing situation. My first priority will always be the health and safety of the pupils and staff in our school. Now more than ever, this remains our primary focus. Already in school we have taken appropriate measures and acted upon advice to date. This is an entirely unprecedented situation and we are following official advice from the Government, Public Health England and the NHS. This advice is being added to on a daily basis and we are monitoring and responding to that as it is published. This official advice will underpin all the actions we take.

In response to the most recent guidance we have decided that with effect from Wednesday 18th March we will not be running **any after school clubs** until further notice. Unfortunately, we will also be rearranging class assemblies and hope to hold these later in the school year so that we can invite you to join us. While we will continue to celebrate our 'Learners of the Week' by inviting them to dine on our 'top table' in the dining room, we **will not** be able to invite Parents in to our Friday assembly. We appreciate that this will be disappointing, but must adhere to guidance. In addition the Shared Learning mornings that we had planned for later this half term will also be **postponed**. We regret that we have also had to postpone the planned visit for KS1 children to Conisbrough Castle.

Please can I also politely remind you to observe the NHS and Public Health England advice regarding your child's attendance at school if they present with symptoms and also the need for all household members to remain at home. The most recent NHS guidance (16.3.2020) states:

Stay at home if you have either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

Whilst I appreciate that there will be a wide range of different views about how we should be responding and what action should be taken, I hope you will appreciate that I am duty bound to follow the official advice from government.

Many thanks in anticipation of your ongoing support during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully

Mrs E. Sanderson