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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

The current Coronavirus epidemic is a fast moving and challenging situation. Tonight, Boris Johnson has announced further restrictions in an attempt to reduce the spread of the disease and lighten the load on the NHS.

As the Moss Side community, working together at this time to combat the challenges ahead is our best and only option. In Friday's newsletter, I outlined some of the steps that we have taken to protect pupils and staff, as well as ensuring that school can remain open at this crucial time. Some key news from the briefing earlier included:

- The isolation period for anybody with a **temperature or continuous, dry cough** is now **14 days**. This includes pupils who entered into isolation since last Friday.
- This **includes all members of their family**, who must isolate for the same period, irrespective of their condition.

I know that this poses a significant challenge for families, but we must all consider the wider picture and follow the guidance in an effort to quell the current problems. This will also pose a potential issue for school, as staff absences are likely to increase under the new measures. This may mean that your child is taught by different staff to normal or that some classes are combined, although there is no need to do so at the present moment.

After lengthy discussion, we have also made some difficult decisions in an effort to reduce the potential for spreading the disease:

- All **class assemblies will be held 'behind closed doors'** for the remainder of the term, with no parents or grandparents being invited into school. While I know that parents and pupils will be disappointed, I know that you will understand that this is in an effort to reduce unnecessary cross-contamination from a significant amount of additional adults in school, especially given that many visitors are in a vulnerable category.
- All **trips have been cancelled** this term, including Mrs Swift's class visit to Windmill Farm (refunds will be arranged in due course). This means that pupils will not need to mix with the wider public unnecessarily and will not need to share public transport facilities, which will have been used by pupils of other schools. This will include **no swimming** as of this week.
- South Ribble Sports Partnership has already **cancelled all inter school competitions** for the remainder of the term. At present, all before and after school clubs will continue to go ahead.



As we keep encouraging the pupils (apart from washing your hands), now is a time to be responsible and to show kindness to one another. We all have our part to play but, as a school, we will continue to do whatever we can to serve our community.

Given the nature of the current climate, it is likely that there will be a further update this week.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Wright

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