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Dear Parents/Carers

As we are all aware, things are changing very fast at the moment as the government lead the response to the Coronavirus crisis. Over the last couple of days some very strong action has been taken at a national level regarding the 'social distancing' needed to slow the transmission of the virus. As a school we are very clear of our significant role in that effort, but it will only make a difference if the whole community acts decisively.

This is going to take a real shift in people's mindsets and behaviours, and it is clear that we need to do it very fast to help slow the spread of the virus, for the sake of everyone in our families and community. This is particularly important for the young people of our community, not all of whom will have such awareness of the risks that social interaction presents. Please take the time needed to explain this to them, and do what you need to as parents to in order to help change their behaviours for the benefit of their families, those of their friends and the wider community. We know that this is not easy for them to grasp (it's hard enough as adults!).

As you know, schools have been asked by the government to continue to open the school for vulnerable students and children of 'key workers' to allow those parents to play their part in this national crisis. We are indebted to them, especially those in the National Health Service, for all that they are currently doing in such challenging times, and will do everything necessary to enable them to continue to offer this service.

In doing so, a vital part of our responsibility is to do everything we can do to minimise the chance of the virus spreading among the children and staff who do



"Together we love, together we hope, together we learn."



need to come into school. If a child of a key worker picks up the virus at school then they will bring it home and very likely pass it on to their parent and/or lead to the key worker parent being in self-isolation and not able to play their vital role for 14 days.

Please can I ask all parents to ensure that we keep to an absolute minimum the number of students in the school each day and enforce the government advice "to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend".

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and understanding at this very critical time.

Kind Regards

Elaine Jackson