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Dear Parents

This evening the Prime Minister announced new measures and advice to the general public in relation to Covid-19. The following advice supersedes all previous advice given and should be read carefully.

If your child is well they should attend school. However, if they present with any symptoms;

- A high temperature and/or
- A new continuous cough

Then they should remain at home in isolation for 14 days. In addition, anyone in the same household should also self-isolate for 14 days regardless of whether they have symptoms themselves. Moreover, any child who presents these symptoms at any school with RCSAT will be isolated and parents will be called immediately. It is also advised to stop non-essential contact with others and to stop all unnecessary travel.

The Prime Minister also added that 'We need people to start working from home where they possibly can and you should avoid pubs, clubs, theatres and other such social venues.' These are wide ranging decisions that will affect all of us in some way.

As a trust we have made preparations to enable learning to continue for those families that are isolated from school. A timetable of support and home learning has been drawn up along with resources for parents and children. These will be put online this week.

I appreciate that there will be difficult and worrying times ahead for us all. We need to all work together to keep one another safe. As a trust we have lines of communication between the school office, Principal and to you at home that will remain open at all times.

If you need us, we will be at the end of the phone or via e-mail.

We should still follow the advice on general hygiene and measures we can take to limit and delay the virus which are to:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds,
2. Always wash your hands when you get home or into work,
3. Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available,
4. Put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards,
6. Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell,
7. Not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

As a trust we are in regular communication with Public Health England and Department for Education over measures which we as a setting can take in response to the current situation. The situation remains that there is no requirement for RCSAT schools to do anything other than the measures detailed above. At



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times such as this, misinformation and speculation can only serve to do more harm than good, and we are notifying you to ensure that we all comply with government restrictions.

I want to be open and transparent about measures we have and will continue to take based on expert advice. At RCSAT we have taken sensible precautions such as;

- Ensure we have enough hand wash for all pupils.
- Taught each pupil how to wash their hands properly and I would urge parents to repeat this at home.
- Put COVID-19 on the SLT agenda to discuss updates and any relevant actions where needed.
- Discussed with the Governing body how we plan to work through the difficult times ahead
- Cancelled all non-urgent visitors to school, meetings and teacher courses.
- Cancelled all non-essential whole school activities such as PTA events.

The advice continues to state that schools should be open for business as usual. We are taking all the precautions possible.

Pupils who are well should still attend school.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Nic Badger
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