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Dear Parents,

Covid 19: Our response

It seems certain we will move to the next stage of the fight against coronavirus, probably this week. That will involve going from trying to contain the spread of the virus to accepting there is going to be community transmission and looking at ways to slow it's spread. 'Slowing down' for our school community means mitigating the risk of exposure for as long as we can, so that our more vulnerable community members (elderly, chronic illness, low immunity etc) are as protected as possible, and any school closure is delayed for as long as possible. 'Slowing down' is not about eliminating all risk, but adjusting social contact.

Our team has considered ways in which we can reduce our social contact, (not easy given our type of business) without having too much of a negative impact on our children and their outcomes. The government's clear message is that we all have a role to play in tackling this - as individuals, as employers and as communities.

Your first immediate action must be to fill in and send back the Covid-19 specified countries questionnaire which you will shortly receive. Deadline Friday 13th March 2020 to return.

Looking at the next three weeks at school we have made the following decisions: All non essential events have been considered.

- Fixtures: these are going ahead
 - We respectfully ask that no parent attend to support any fixtures please. The reason is to limit the amount of people visiting our school and other schools.
- French play: this is going ahead
 - We have received confirmation from the company that no members have travelled to category 1 and 2 countries
- Easter Service (children and staff only) : this is going ahead
 - Checks will be made with the Church
- Tours:
 - All prospective parent tours around school are being postponed
- Visitors:
 - Visiting professionals
 - Checks are being carried out to ensure that they have not visited a category 1 and 2 countries since February 19th
 - Visiting Children
 - Checks will be made with schools
- Club coaches
 - We are in contact with club coaches to confirm no coaches have visited category 1 or category 2 countries since February 19th
- Form 6 production:
 - Currently the production performances will go ahead with a **parent only** audience
 - The performance on Tuesday 31st is cancelled
- Residential:
 - a decision will be made about residentials nearer the time
- Cleaning:
 - We have further increased our cleaning routines around school

We will keep you updated as and when things progress.

Kind regards,

Senior Leadership Team