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Dear parent/carer,

We wish to update you on how school is complying with advice and recommendations in respect of the coronavirus.

ABSENCE

The advice is very clear in that should anyone in your household have **either** of these symptoms then the entire household must self-isolate for 14 days:

- a high temperature – 37.8 degrees or above
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

You must inform the school and this will be marked as an authorised absence. Any other illnesses, where a child is **not** exhibiting these symptoms nor is anyone else in the household, then the normal illness procedure should be followed.

SCHOOL TRIPS

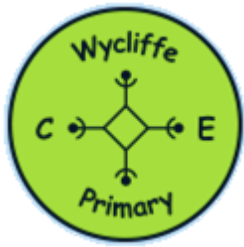
In response to the PM's advice that,

*"everyone in the UK should avoid **non-essential** travel and contact with others to curb coronavirus"*

"everyone should avoid gatherings and crowded places, such as pubs, clubs and theatres"

all school trips and visits will be cancelled/postponed. This includes:

- 22 March, Mothering Sunday Service
- 23 March, Tropical World (Cedar class)
- 25 March, Parents' Evening
- 26 March, CAPOW meeting
- 28 March, CAPOW gardening + Friday sessions
- 31 March, Tropical World (Early Years)
- 31st March, Trumpet Prom
- 1 April, Bradford Schools' Prom
- 2 April, Easter Services – the children will perform these to each other at some stage in school
- 3 April, recorder performance
- Stay and play sessions each Friday afternoon



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We appreciate that in some instances we have requested that parents contribute to the cost of these trips and payment has been made to the school. Where this is non-refundable to the school we will, in turn, be unable to issue refunds as it will impact significantly on our budget. However, if anyone finds themselves in financial difficulties due to this issue then please contact the school office. Please note, that although Government guidance does NOT require us to stop these events, it is the safeguarding of your children and our staff that has enforced these difficult decisions.

The music service will not be sending staff out to teach Taiko drumming until further notice. Kanga – staffing permitting – will continue as normal.

THE SCHOOL DAY

In accordance with guidelines and best practice there will be no whole school collective worship or faith assemblies until further notice. Collective Worship will take place daily in class or smaller groups.

All school staff are following Government Guidelines, and if appropriate some staff will be absent from school until further notice. We will endeavour to back-fill with other staff to ensure as much consistency for your children as we possibly can, but please understand that there may be some disruption –regardless of the plans we have in place.

In terms of hand washing, we have introduced further measures to ensure that children have ample opportunities to wash their hands and they follow methods that ensure a thorough clean each time and cleaning teams have received supplementary cleaning training.

We will of course keep you up to date with any developments.

Your co-operation and understanding at this difficult time is much appreciated and we wish you all the best of health in these difficult times.

Warmest regards,

D Baxter
Headteacher