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Parents' Consultation Evening Cancelled - Coronavirus update

Dear Parent,

IMPORTANT: Coronavirus Update

Following the Prime Minister's announcement outlining the government's latest response to the Coronavirus, we have revised our own dynamic risk assessment in the run up to the Easter break.

As such we are introducing additional precautions over the forthcoming weeks to further support the national strategy of delaying the spread of the virus. It is important to make clear that there are no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in our schools and that these measures are simply considered to be a sensible approach in the current context.

First and foremost we will be continuing to promote higher levels of hygiene, repeating the messages around the regular and thorough washing of hands. All children have access throughout the day to soap and hot water (thermostatically controlled to prevent scalds), tissues, toilet paper and disposable hand-towels. Sanitiser gel is provided at our reception desk and any visitor is asked to use it before entering the school.

Please continue to provide drinking water for your child in a bottle that they can access this throughout the day. They can refill their bottle in school as necessary but bottles should go home **every day** to be washed please.

The following expectations as set out in our previous letter last week are still applicable.

We ask all parents to be clear on the following:

If your child has a continuous cough **and/or** a temperature of 37.5C or higher, you **MUST** keep your child at home for a period of 7 days from the time that these symptoms are noticed.

At the end of that 7 day period, pupils can return to school, if they are feeling better e.g. no temperature.

This also applies to staff.

Across the Federation we do have a number of children and staff with underlying health conditions and it is with this in mind that we have made the decision to



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postpone our Parent Consultation review meetings which were scheduled to take place this coming Thursday across all of the schools in The Trinity Federation and at Morville School. At a time when many parents, pupils and staff are concerned about the current Coronavirus risks this is one way in which we can reduce risks to our school communities. We are sure that you will agree with this decision.

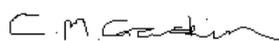
Parent Consultation Evening will be rescheduled when we feel it's safe to do so. As is always the case, if at any time you have any concerns relating to your child's academic or social and emotional development that you wish to discuss with your child's teacher then you are welcome to make telephone contact with the school office and a call can be returned to you at a mutually convenient time. Teachers will however be sending home a very brief report on your child as an alternative to the consultation meeting and this will be sent home before the Easter holiday period.

In addition to this, from today we will be reducing the numbers of non-essential visitors to the school by cancelling staff professional development events and external training, meetings and appointments where possible, and it is highly likely that many other planned school events will not go ahead as planned before Easter. Each of our schools are currently assessing each event on a case by case basis and individual schools will inform parents as decisions are known. Some of these decisions are out of our control as other external agencies and partners are also following their own guidelines.

Please be aware that it is likely that at some point the government may still make the decision to close all schools in England. Until that point we are following the very latest information and advice being offered to school in order to keep our children and staff safe and our schools running effectively. We continue to receive daily communication from the DFE and PHE. We can assure you that as always, the well-being of the children and our whole school community is of utmost importance to us.

We are in unprecedented times and our prayers are for our school communities and those who have underlying health conditions or are concerned for elderly loved ones.

Yours sincerely,



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