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Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday the Prime Minister and the Government announced that they have moved into the 'Delay' phase of the UK Government's plan to tackle coronavirus, COVID-19.

Whilst the Government has stated that schools are not being directed to close at this stage, the advice given may well impact on schools, including Kings Avenue.

The Governors and I want to keep Kings Avenue open as much as possible and for as long as possible. Therefore, it is very important that everyone follows the most up to date advice, which is that anyone with 'a new, continuous' cough or a high temperature self-isolates for 7 days. More information is on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

Please do not send children into school if they have either of these symptoms and do not come to school yourself if you also have either of these symptoms. Anyone displaying these symptoms, including staff, will need to leave the school site as soon as possible. Parents and carers need to have plans in place to quickly collect their child if they are asked to collect their child from the school. We have to work together in order to reduce or slow down the potential impact of the virus.

It is also possible that a high number of school staff may be required to self-isolate. This could have serious implications on how the school operates in the near future. I have a very detailed risk assessment that includes the Minimum Staffing Requirements (MSR) for the school to be able to operate. The aim is to remain open for as long as possible.

In order to remain open I may have to implement one or more of the following strategies:

- In the event of many teachers being absent the school may have to reduce the normal curriculum and the children will also have different activities, such as art, play, PE, films, etc

- It is expected that the number of children attending school will decrease if the number of staff decreases. Therefore children from different classes may be grouped together.
- I may have to close the nursery, as it is non-statutory, in order to release staff to cover elsewhere.

I appreciate that these options will have a great impact on families and I can guarantee that any decisions taken will be with the safety of the children and staff at its heart.


These are unprecedented times and the information and guidelines from Government are being updated at least daily. I will keep you all informed of any updates via our school text systems and the school website, www.kingsavenueschool.co.uk.

It is vitally important that the school has all of your up to date telephone numbers, so please contact the main school office if you need to update any contact information. I may have to send out information with very little notice, so please look out for messages from the school.

Finally, it is very important that we all protect the children from worry and upset. We have been reassuring the children and we will continue to do this.

Thank you for your cooperation and on going support. I will be in contact again soon.

Yours sincerely,



Rachel Mollett
Headteacher