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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

We are facing unprecedented times and are asking for your support during the difficult decisions that we find ourselves making. Please be assured that all decisions are made in line with the most recent government advice and after careful consideration of the potential impact on our school community.

Curriculum Offer

- Whole School Assemblies will be cancelled.
- Lunches will be served in classrooms from Wednesday 18th at main school (FE to remain as usual).
- Forest School will be delivered on site until further notice.
- Primary inclusion postponed.
- Secondary inclusion postponed until further notice. In respect of children who are working towards qualifications, the mainstream school will be asked to send work to school.
- FE College Link will be educated on site at Ewood.
- Hydrotherapy will continue in school once the unforeseen maintenance has been rectified. However, external visitors to the hydrotherapy pool have been cancelled. If parent/carers do not wish their child to utilise the hydrotherapy pool then please get in touch.
- External work experience placements will be cancelled until further notice and managed in-house where appropriate.
- FE community sessions will be risk assessed daily.

Educational Visits

- School swimming at Marl Pits cancelled until further notice due to pupils accessing public changing areas.
- Burnley Youth Theatre Band Night cancelled (Friday 20th March)
- Given the government's advice to cancel non-essential travel, we have made the difficult decision to cancel school residential trips. We are investigating how we can best manage this to ensure that parents and school do not lose out financially. Please bear with us.
- This includes:
 - Y3/4 Sleepover

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- ISC Residential to Coldwell Inn
- KS4 Residential to Cardiff
- FE Residential to Centre Parcs
- Y5/6 Residential to Wingate
- KS3 Residential to Anglesey

Visitors to School

As of today, external visitors will not be welcomed into school. The meeting room is located in reception and will be used for Reviews and essential medical appointments. Please wash your hands thoroughly on arrival when attending reviews.

Parents/carers who bring their child to school, to avoid a crowded reception, we kindly ask that you arrive between 8.50 – 9.00am when the doors are open. Pupils will go straight from the hall to class and have their breakfast in class.

Public Events and School Information Events

Our general rule is that all public events will be cancelled. This includes:-

- Ladies Night (19th March)
- Parents Evening (24th March)

The Garage Café will remain open until further notice, however pupils will not be working in the café whilst it is open to the public. Therefore service may be reduced, please bear with us.

Extended School Offer

- Playscheme cancelled (Until further notice)
- After School Club is currently running as normal, however this will be reviewed daily and any changes notified as soon as possible.
- Ski Club will not be running, but alternative After School Club provision is being made in school. Could parent/carers please contact Lyndsay Daley to let school know if you still wish to access After School Club on Thursday.
- After School Club transport service will not be available due to staffing. Parents/carers currently accessing After School Club transport will need to make arrangements for collecting their child from school.

What happens if the school has to close?

We are receiving daily advice from the Department of Education and Public Health and we will continue to respond and act accordingly. We are advised that, in the overwhelming majority of situations, there is absolutely no need to close schools or send pupils or staff home.

We will only close the school if advised by Public Health England that we should do so or if the government announces blanket closures. However, insufficient staffing levels due to illness may also necessitate closure. This may happen at short notice but we will endeavour to contact you as quickly as possible via GroupCall, Website and Facebook.

As a parent/carer, it may be prudent to consider thinking about your own plans should the school need to close (e.g. who would look after your child/ren). In the interim, please make sure that you update the school office with any contact details that we will need.

In the meantime, the teachers have plans in place to continue children’s learning in the event of a closure, which will be based around the use of technology. It would help us to know which children **DO NOT** have access to a computer or iPad and Internet at home, so that we can plan for this. Please fill the slip in below and return to your teacher if you **do not** have access to technology/internet.

Curriculum mapping is on the website, in the About Us section: <http://torview.org/about-us/curriculum> Parents/carers are encouraged to engage their child in activities to reflect their topic. Further class work will be published on the website should the school close. However, we understand that for some of our children, undertaking work at home is very difficult. As such, this is not essential but just an offer to parents/carers who would like it. We would encourage lots of reading with and to your child, and where possible encourage children to keep a journal either written, in pictures or video.

We will continue to provide regular updates regarding this situation and concerned parents should visit the NHS coronavirus webpage <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> in the first instance or phone NHS 111 and seek professional health advice.

We understand how challenging and worrying the current situation is and thank you for your patience and support during this difficult period – we are all working as a team to stay safe.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L A Parrish
Headteacher



Use of Technology & Internet

Name of Child

Class

Name of siblings

Class

My child **DOES NOT** have the use of computers and/or iPad / Internet at home.

Signed: _____



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