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Dear Parent and Carers

Coronavirus

Following on from the Cobra meeting held by Government yesterday the country has now entered the delay phase of the Government's plans to slow the spread of the virus. The Prime Minister was clear that schools would remain open for the time being, which is a decision we support.

As you would expect we continue to act on incoming information from the Department for Education and from Public Health England. We are following all available advice, particularly around hygiene and are meeting regularly to ensure that we are prepared for all emerging eventualities.

If the school is directed to close by the Government and your child has to stay at home, our plan is that teachers will communicate with your child and set work using a range of online resources including the dojo and the class pages on the website. Our Ladybirds children will be provided with learning packs. However, if you do not have access to the internet at home please inform your class teacher who will make alternative arrangements. Whilst there is no substitute for learning in the classroom we will do all we can to ensure your child's education continues as normally as possible.

With regards to SATs, the planned timetable is still being followed but it is an ever changing situation that we will advise upon should things change. The KS2 (Year 6) SATs test week is still scheduled to take place the week of 11th May. KS1 tests take place in May and June.

We are resisting the temptation to send you detailed communications because they are likely to be subject to change as we are overtaken by changing guidance or events. For now, please reassure children that business is continuing as usual and that all precautions are being taken to protect them.

If you would like to know more about staying safe and how you can slow the spread of the coronavirus the latest advice from the government can be found at www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19

Thank you for your continued support, for communicating with us about yours or your family's circumstances and for allowing us the time and space to focus on our planning.

Yours faithfully

Mr David Wood
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