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Dear Parents,

I am writing to you in uncertain times as we face the significant challenge of Coronavirus. Last Friday morning Headteacher's and Leaders from across Torbay held a telephone conference to share the latest information regarding the Coronavirus outbreak. This information is being updated daily. As you will have seen in the media the Government have moved from the 'Containment' phase to the 'Delay' phase of their action plan and have updated guidance accordingly. It is important that you keep up to date with this information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Firstly, can I please reassure you that we are taking the situation extremely seriously and have been following the guidance and advice that we have received from Public Health England, the DfE and the Local Authority.

Within school we have a number of staff members and children whose immune systems are compromised and the actions that we are taking are, in part, being done to ensure their health and safety. To maintain social distancing we have taken the following action:

1. All whole year Acts of Worship have been cancelled. AoW's will take place in tutor bases until further notice.
2. The Parents' Forum last Monday night was postponed. A survey will be sent home for parents to complete.
3. Deep Learning Day on Wednesday 18th March has been postponed until the summer term.
4. 6th Form Parents' Evening has been cancelled. Staff will be ringing home or e-mailing feedback to parents.
5. Easter revision has been cancelled. students will be given work to complete independently.
6. All sporting fixtures have been cancelled until further notice.
7. All primary school based activities hosted at STCM have been cancelled until further notice.
8. All external trips have been cancelled until further notice unless an updated risk assessment has been completed.
9. All JUMP team visits have been cancelled until further notice.
10. All external events have been cancelled until further notice.
11. Visitors to the school site will be limited to those who need to visit for essential reasons only e.g safeguarding meetings. All other meetings will be cancelled.
12. All external training for staff has been cancelled until further notice.

None of the above decisions have been taken lightly and all have been made after careful consideration of the advice and guidance that is currently available.

At this time we are doing everything possible to keep the school open until such a time where it becomes unsafe for students to attend school due to safe working ratios or we are directed to close by Public Health England. Decisions in relation to this will, more than likely, need to be made on a day by day basis as the full extent of the impact of Coronavirus becomes apparent. It is likely that we will have to move to a partial closure before any decision to fully close the school. We will communicate any closure via our website, Twitter, FaceBook and Instagram accounts along with e-mailing and texting parents. Please ensure our Reception Team has the most up to date contact for you.

Over the last few weeks, we have been planning how we would minimise the disruption to students' learning should the school need to partially or fully close. Tomorrow we will be communicating how this will work with you.

We thank you for your continued support during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J.Down

Headteacher