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Dear Parents & Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's briefing yesterday, I wish to update you on Cavendish's response to the current situation. While I do not wish to bombard you with letters home, I think it important that we keep our community as up to date as possible with the steps that we have taken, and will continue to take, in order to support our families, which are set out below:

Schools are to do all they can to remain open

- We will remain open all the time that staffing levels mean we can do this safely. We will take decisions about how we manage this as the issues arise and develop.
- Rest assured that we will maintain adequate supervision levels at all times.

Social distancing should be undertaken

- The message, as of 16/03/20, is that anyone with a high temperature OR cough OR flu like symptoms should self-isolate for 14 days - as should their entire household.
- If your child is subject to self-isolation, work can be found on the homepage of the school's website.
- We will not penalise families for non-attendance linked to the Coronavirus. We are still encouraging families to maintain good attendance where possible.
- Since my previous letter (13.03.20), we have made the decision to cancel all trips (including all sporting fixtures and swimming lessons) up until Easter. We will review this pending further guidance.
- We remain committed to our working relationships with outside agencies so will continue to allow access for essential visits.
- In the Primary Phase, we have cancelled the parental assemblies to reduce unnecessary contact with the wider community.

If you need further information please have a look at the guidance from the government, which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
Please do not contact the school for medical advice, including whether or not pupils should attend. Instead, please follow the guidelines set out by the Government.

Thank you all for responding in a balanced, calm and collected manner.

Yours sincerely



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