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Dear Parents

As you are aware the Corona/Covid- 19 situation is developing daily. At the time of writing the government advice is:

- We are now in the Delay Phase.
- Schools in UK will remain open.
- Anyone (pupils or staff) with new symptoms such as high temperature, continuous cough and flu-like symptoms should stay at home for 7 days and any such absences will be authorised
- The peak of the virus is not likely to be until sometime in May.
- Major events have not yet been banned
- There is a need to continue with hand washing and reminders about good hygiene

I am sure that many of you will have seen in the news that school closures are a proposal that the government is considering for the future. Therefore, we are putting together some plans for how we will manage this - **it may be that this does not happen but it is good to be prepared.**

Below are some actions underway, some are small adjustments:

- All water bottles to be sent home each day. Please put them through the dishwasher if possible.
- Cloakrooms to be emptied at the end of each week to assist the cleaners to clean.
- All hand washing arrangements to remain in place
- Please inform us of any changes to your contact details
- Please register for the Everbridge notification system for school closures. This is most often used for 'snow days.' See below for access details
- Please check Seesaw daily as this is a good way to share information
- All school trips and activities which take children outside school will be cancelled until the Easter holidays. The Y6 workshops in Cassiobury Park will take place as this is open air. Sharing Assemblies up until Easter (6K, 3C and 5D) will still take place but will be shared on Seesaw and not open to parents.
- Y4 Swimming lessons will not take place with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> March

*Please see over*

Keeping the learning going if we do have to close

We will use Seesaw for home learning in the event of a closure. Your child will have received a letter today explaining how to set up Seesaw Home Learning. Simply follow the instructions on the letter - any queries please ask your child's class teacher.

Please ensure that you download the free CLASS app (in addition to the family app you currently use). This will enable your child to see and complete daily activities set by the teacher and also post items to Seesaw (just like they would do in school).

While I appreciate that these actions will cause disappointment, we need to work together to protect the vulnerable and elderly members of our community. As soon as we are able to return to normal school functions we will do so.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Olyett  
Headteacher

**IMPORTANT: Everbridge System - (emergency school closures)**

In the event of bad weather or any other emergency resulting in school closure, this is a reminder for **all parents** to sign up to the Everbridge System.

**[Member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489](http://Member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489)**

The above link will direct you to the login page where you should click on the "sign up" button and follow the instructions. It should take no more than 5 minutes to register and you can edit your information at any time should you change your mobile number or email address.

Each contact within the system can have 2 devices added for each communication type if they wish. This means that in addition to adding your own mobile number and email address, you can include the mobile number and email address of a partner or a grandparent. They too would then receive any messages in relation to the school's closure. Alternatively, interested parties can register themselves separately. If a parent has children at more than one school, you can register for those schools too in a single registration process by selecting all schools you have children at.

The above mentioned link to the Everbridge system appears on the **parents' page** of our website under "**emergency closures**".