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Dear Parents

RE: Coronavirus Update

The Government's updates have clearly focussed on how we are trying to delay the spread as much as possible. They have made it clear that at the moment:

- We need to collectively take responsibility in stopping this disease overwhelming the NHS;
- Self-isolation measures have been extended to **'anyone who has or lives with someone who has a persistent cough and/or temperature of 37.8 degrees should stay at home for 14 days. The BBC released a great short video of what self-isolation should look like and it is important that should you need to these steps are followed. [Click here](#)**
- Individuals with underlying health conditions need to carefully consider their personal circumstances. The Government has defined underlying health conditions in a list available here: [Click here](#)

School Currently Remains Open

The Government are keen to keep schools open as long as there is sufficient staffing levels to remain open.

On that note, please can I ask you to get in touch with us if you work in the emergency services or schools and would be unable to continue to work without the school being open. Just phone the office (01242 690016) or send an email to admin@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk. It is important we know your role please.

We are prioritising school being open for everyone; however, we equally recognise people in these specific roles have significant responsibility to society as a whole right now, and we want to do all we can to support you.

SVPS Staffing Update

As with the rest of Country, some staff at SVPS are affected by symptoms of coronavirus or by wider implications of underlying health issues, pregnancy, family members showing symptoms...etc. Presently we are coping and have enough of the school team fit and healthy to function. **However, this is ever changing, and with currently 65 children self-isolating we may need to mix classes to keep fully open.**

Learning from each other – achieving together



Provision in School

Practising good personal hygiene remains at the top of our agenda.

- Children are being reminded to wash their hands regularly
- Children are being reminded to sneeze and cough into their inner elbows and tissues
- School has stepped up the daily cleaning provision
- Daily Whole School Assemblies continue to be cancelled
- Class Blogs are being used and this will be another way for staff to communicate work to children should they be off.
- Home Learning Packs and an individual exercise book will be provided to each child.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support.

Yours sincerely



Geraint Mills
Headteacher