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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update parents and families following the Governments announcements last week regarding the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. Outlined below are the measures that we continue to maintain as well as the additional measures we have decided as a school to take as a response to the government's move from 'contain' to 'delay'.

- The school will remain open and we will continue to run the core business of teaching and learning as close to our normal routines as we are able
- Parents should ensure that their children are away from school for the full 7-day period of isolation from the first day they develop symptoms as described by the Chief Medical Officer ie a new and persistent/continuous cough and/or a raised temperature (above 37.8C)
- Follow the link below for more details explaining the requirements of self-isolation  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>
- For hygiene reasons we have made the decision to close off our water fountains. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school for access to water during the school day
- We continue to remind pupils about the importance of personal hygiene, particularly around hand-washing, sneezing into a tissue (or crook of the arm) and the safe disposal of waste tissues
- Hand sanitiser and tissues are available in all classrooms while stocks last
- After much thought we have taken the decision to postpone our year 3/4 performance of 'Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat' originally scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>. A large gathering (hundreds) of children, families and the wider community within a confined space is very different from other school situations and is one we can avoid at this uncertain time. The children have worked hard on this performance and it will be amazing. We will find an alternative date as soon as we can, probably in the summer term.
- Our approach to school trips and events beyond school is to assess each trip individually based on the nature of the activity and the current government guidelines. We therefore ask for parents understanding if trips have to be cancelled at short notice. If a trip is cancelled then all payments will be reimbursed.

It is clear from the daily updates school receives from the DfE that further measures may be introduced. I would like to thank parents in advance for your support and understanding as we respond to this situation as it changes. As I have outlined above, the school will remain open. In the event that this instruction changes then we have a contingency plan so that children will continue to have access to learning and parents and teachers will be able to communicate with each other.

The Ingleby Mill family is a strong and cohesive community and we will all need to draw strength and support from each other in our response.

Yours sincerely,

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