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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update

Yesterday, the Government updated the advice to the public and we wanted to provide you with the information and some further actions we are taking.

There are updates for **Stay at Home** and **Social Distancing**. The self-isolation period is now 14 days if you live with others who are displaying symptoms. Full details can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

We are authorising absences related to self-isolation and schools have been provided with a specific code to record this. Please do not worry about fines and absence sanctions at a time when you need to put the needs of vulnerable family members at the heart of all decisions.

If you are struggling with childcare, because you rely on an elderly relative or vulnerable adult, please speak to Mrs Webber and she can discuss what the school can offer to support you through this time, so you can still attend your place of work. We recognise the difficulties working parents have and want to support you in this.

Thank you for your positive feedback during these challenging times. We will continue to stay open until we are instructed otherwise, and we have been giving some thought to the measures we will put in place for learning to continue in the event that the school has to close. We have begun to put some useful links on the website for those who are off self isolating and wish to complete some learning:

<https://allsaintsmarsh-lap.co.uk/parents/classes/>

Our estate and services team are working hard to keep the school clean and have been undertaking additional deep cleans and are ensuring that soap dispensers for both staff and pupils are topped up.

We will not be having whole school assemblies until further notice and visits to and from the school will be restricted unless strictly necessary. Currently cancelled events are our PTFA school disco and our Easter Service at St Pauls on the last day of term.

The strength and support of the community is very strong in school and the staff wish to thank you all for the kind words and reassurance that you gave them.



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Best Wishes

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