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Dear Parents/Carers,

Update regarding COVID-19 and Kids Club

As many of you will be aware from communications from the school, the advice from the authorities around measures to manage COVID-19 is fluid and changing. We have been actively monitoring the advice and have put a series of plans in place.

Potential Closure

Firstly, we are putting in place plans for potential closure. Currently, there are three reasons we would be required to close Kids Club, these reasons echo those that would result in a school closure:

- 1. A confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school and or Kids Club – either pupil or staff member;***
- 2. A national closure instigated by the government***
- 3. If we were unable to safely look after the children due to significant levels of staff absence.***

At present, the most likely reason for closure is item three.

If the government do decide to instruct schools to close, then we will also be closing. This is due to the number of our staff who work across both school and Kids Club, and because of our location within the school building. We would expect prior notice of a closure announced by the government, however, if ourselves or the school are forced to close due to items one or three, the notice period may be much smaller.

In all cases, we would make e-mail and phone contact with all parents and carers to inform them of the closure. With this in mind, please ensure we have your most up to date contact details.

Easter Holiday Club

Secondly, the decision has been made by the club, with the support of the school and Orchard Learning Trust, that we **will not** be open over the Easter holidays. At present, we only had a small number of confirmed bookings for this period. We, like many other organisations, are anticipating a continued increase in the number of cases, and therefore impact of COVID-19, over the coming weeks. We are therefore unable to predict how we will be able to safely staff the club given the specified ratios that we follow.

We understand that this may put some families in a difficult position and would like to make clear that this is not a decision we have taken lightly. We do however hope that you support us in prioritising the health and welfare of our staff as well as your children.

Self-Isolation and Social Distancing

Thirdly, I would like to ensure that all parents and carers are aware of the advice linked to self-isolation and social distancing.

Currently, the advice is as follows:

If you or a member of your household has symptoms of:

- A temperature of over 37.8 degrees and/or
- A new, continuous dry cough

You should self-isolate yourself **and** the members of your household for a period of **14 days**. Further information about the period of self-isolation can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Self-isolation and what it means can be explained here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

As with school, if your child, or a member of your household has the above symptoms, we expect them to be absent from Kids Club for the recommended 7 or 14 calendar days. You must notify the Kids Club office of this isolation so that we can cancel any future bookings.

Updates

Finally, we will continue to be in close contact with you regarding government, local authority and school updates. As we stated at the beginning of this communication, advice is fluid and constantly changing. We are doing our best to react accordingly but ask for some patience and understanding while we attempt to make sense of the sometimes confusing updates and advice we are given.

Thank you for your continued support of the club. Please remember to check for regular communications from us as well as those from the school.

Kind Regards,

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Kids Club Manager,

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GCA/GBA Heads of School