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HEADTEACHER: Mrs P Cohen

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following announcements yesterday from the government, I write today with changes that now need to be implemented at school. The decision has been made based on the advice from the government and Public Health England, that all non-compulsory school activity and events will be postponed or cancelled for the foreseeable future.

- The Y6 Parent Meeting has been cancelled this afternoon. An email will follow with a power-point presentation and information that was prepared to be shared.
- The Y3&4 Performances this week have been cancelled. The children will carry out their dress rehearsal to the rest of KS2 this morning and KS1 this afternoon. This will allow their hard work in preparing and building to the performance to be shared. We will film the performance and take photographs that we will be able to share with parents. With little notice we recognise in advance that the quality of any performance may not be brilliant but it will capture the performance in some way. I have shared this change with the children this morning, who are now very excited we have to prepare for a film recording this afternoon. I've 'bigged' up the big screen version to distract from the disappointment of not performing to you all. The children are happy with this.
- Parent Consultation Evenings will not take place. We are looking to provide a progress report to parents and an update on how their child is developing both socially and academically. This is likely to be via email, but details will follow in due course.
- The SEND Parent Meeting (23.03.20), Easter Service (31.03.20), Celebration Worship (03.04.20) and Easter Bingo (03.04.20) are cancelled.
- Breakfast and After School Club will remain open but all other clubs are now cancelled.

As of today, we will no longer be accepting visitors onto our school site. This includes all parent volunteers and music teachers. The NSPCC workshops for Y5&6 and Safeguarding workshop for Y6 have been postponed.

We have stepped up very thorough supervised handwashing process to ensure we are following hygiene advice from PHE and the NHS. Should your child have any reactions to soap, we are ensuring thorough rinsing to alleviate this. You are of course welcome to provide soap for your child from home, if you feel this would be more appropriate.

As before, children, staff, volunteers and parents who display the symptoms of Coronavirus, in particular a fever and/or continuous cough, must now self-isolate for 14 days. We would ask that parents and carers notify schools in the usual manner if their child will not be attending school. As normal procedure, if your child is ill for any other reason, please notify the school office.

You may need to make the decision to self-isolate, as you or your child fall into a vulnerable category or a family member is ill with symptoms of the Coronavirus. If this is the case, you or your children must ensure that you do not come into contact with anyone else as directed by the government, for example you cannot collect your child from school if you have made the decision to self-isolate.

We will continue to communicate by email. If you change your email address, please email the school office with the change so that we can continue to keep in touch with everyone. Notification of any school closure will be communicated through email and also recorded on the school website staldhelms.co.uk. The current guidance is that schools remain open as this is part of the delay phase.

Thank you for your continued support and as the situation changes, I will write with further updates.

Kind regards

Pippa Cohen

Headteacher