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Dear Parents

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

We have, today, taken medical advice and have decided to stop all activities outside school such as swimming, sports fixtures and trips. We have also taken the decision to avoid gatherings where a large number of people would be in close contact for a significant period of time. Unfortunately, this means that we need to postpone the school's production of Wind in the Willows.

Our sports fixtures went ahead today, however, please be assured that we had received confirmation from Riddlesworth that none of their staff or pupils have travelled from any of the Category 1 or 2 areas or have had any Coronavirus symptoms or are self-isolating.

I fully appreciate that many of the children will be disappointed that the play and other activities that they have been looking forward to have been cancelled or postponed. We apologise for this. However, it is our collective responsibility to protect the more vulnerable members of the community and to play our part to help combat the COVID-19 outbreak.

Regarding Parents Evening, staff are happy to continue with the consultation, however, may I politely remind you to follow the advice given from PHE for returning travellers in the last 14 days as follows. Parents and families should refer to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk> for advice following returning to the UK.

In school we all continue to reduce the risks to ourselves and others by:-

- Keeping away from school and self-isolating if we develop COVID-19 like symptoms (up to 14 days)
- Washing our hands regularly for at least 20 seconds by using soap and hot water or alcohol hand gel
- Not touching our faces, eyes, noses or mouths
- Catching coughs or sneezes in disposable tissues or the crook of an elbow

Meanwhile, our cleaning staff are working hard to sanitise high volume hand contact surfaces, including door handles, taps and banisters.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lynda Brereton'.

Lynda Brereton
Head