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Dear Parents,

COVID 19 – update

Following the decision made by government yesterday, all schools at this stage have been told not to close. Therefore, until further notice, Samuel Lucas will remain open. Whilst I hope that more serious measures are not required, it is important to share with you what we would do in the event of any potential school closure.

Current advice

At school we will continue to follow Public Health England advice: to wash hands with soap and water regularly throughout the day.

Should you or your child need to self-isolate, following Public Health England's advice, please let the school office know as soon as possible. This will be treated with the strictest of confidence.

Any members of staff at school who are ill have been advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Parents will be informed if your child's class teacher is absent.

To reduce the potential of the virus spreading, we have decided to cancel shared reading until further notice.

In the event of school closure

The school would only be closed on the direction of Public Health England and following their advice.

In order to maintain a reasonable level of educational continuity for children, should Public Health England or government decide that the school has to close, we are making preparations for children to access learning online.

Next week the children will be introduced to online learning and receive individual log in details in preparation. A parentmail will be sent at approximately 9.00am detailing each class teacher's learning expectations for the day. The tasks set may be ongoing and be revisited by the child throughout the week.

This is a tricky time for all of us, with a lot of uncertainty. As adults, I feel it is important we all keep calm for our children.

I will contact you again as and when there are any updates.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tracy Thomas'.

T Thomas (Mrs)
Headteacher