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Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus Update

Thank you for your support in what is a very challenging and rapidly changing situation for us all. We continue to receive daily updates from the Department for Education and Solihull Council regarding the Coronavirus and would like to reassure you that we are doing all that we can to ensure school currently remains open and a safe place for our children and staff.

As of today, we would like to share the following information with you:

- Children are being regularly reminded to wash their hands and use tissues at all times.
- We have implemented a number of measures to restrict contact where possible. This has included cancelling all visitors to school e.g. sports coaches, parent helpers. We have cancelled trips and suspended Year 3 swimming.
- Any child who becomes unwell at school is separated from their classmates and parents are asked to collect immediately.
- Teachers are currently preparing work for their classes if school is closed in the future. ***Guidance will be published on our website for parents to access and packs will be sent home with children this week where possible.***
- Whilst we are doing all that we can to remain open, the situation is being kept under constant review. Moving forward we may need to move to partial closure where some classes are asked not to come in. This decision will not be taken lightly and is likely to be based on staffing ratios if increasing numbers of staff need to self-isolate.
- We will be publishing information for parents and updates on our school website which can be found at www.georgefenthamschool.co.uk. We ask that all parents regularly check our website for the most up-to-date information.

May we remind you that children must not be sent to school if they show symptoms or if anyone in the household now shows symptoms. Current advice is that households go into self-isolation for 14 days.

In concluding my letter, I need to inform you that I have had no alternative but to self-isolate and am currently working from home. I am in regular contact with Mrs Edmeades who is coordinating all actions in school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff who are working extremely hard to do their very best for our children and families as we move forward.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Gaughan
Headteacher

