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Dear Parent/Carer

The situation regarding the Coronavirus is fast changing and reaching a critical point in London. During these unprecedented times, I will be emailing you regularly to ensure you are kept up-to-date. If you do not receive this letter via email, please contact the office immediately to update your details.

Today we had 29 pupils who are self-isolating due to having a temperature and/or a cough. Additionally, 14 pupils stayed at home today because a member of their family has a temperature and/or cough. All staff members are well, however 2 staff members are self-isolating due to a family member having symptoms.

We have taken further measures to ensure the safety and health of our pupils and staff:

- Non-essential visitors will not be allowed on site.
- The following clubs will be cancelled so as to not have additional people in school: Choir, Street Dance, Monday afternoon football club, Spanish, Drama club and Cooking club. All other clubs and boosters run by Ark Bentworth staff and Ms Green will continue.
- Parent coffee mornings will be postponed.

As I mentioned yesterday, it is vital that you let the school know immediately if your child or anyone in your household has:

- a new continuous cough; or
- a high temperature.

If this is the case, everyone in your household should remain at home for **fourteen** days – this was previously seven days.

The government has recommended that the most vulnerable people (over 70s, those with pre-existing conditions and pregnant women) need to be shielded from social contact for 12 weeks from this weekend. I understand that if you have people in your household who are vulnerable, you may decide to keep your child or children at home. Please call the office to keep us informed of your decision.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest regards

Karinne Faddy
Head of School