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Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

EPHESIANS 4:32

Dear Parents and Carers

16th March 2020

We take the health and safety of our pupils and staff seriously but at the moment, we all find ourselves in unprecedented times. Nobody knows how this virus will spread but I have to do everything in my power to keep the school safe.

Therefore, I have made the decision, in consultation with governors, to do the following:

We respectfully request that only children and staff enter the school building. Please do not enter the cloakroom but leave your child at the door. Children will then wash or anti-bac their hands on arrival. If parents are not entering the school, this then limits any opportunity to touch items. We have sadly had to make the decision to cancel Mothers' Day lunch bearing the above in mind.

If you choose to self-isolate your child, we will somehow make allowances for this on our attendance recording systems. We would rather you be safe and not risk spreading the infection into school than come in.

If a teacher is required to self-isolate, we will ask one of our normal supply teachers, Mrs. Bowkett or Mrs. Barber. We will not be using any supply agencies for the moment as this also increases the risk of spreading the virus. If we are unable to find a supply, the school might have to make the decision to close the class as the last possible option (which we hope to avoid).

If the government states that schools should close, we have set every child in the school up with a google email (linked to Google apps for education). Their user name is their first name and the first letter of their surname and then @smschoolfederation.com. Passwords and user names can be found in your child's reading record.

From this platform, we will set work via Google classroom and possibly (although it has not yet been tested by us) organise online lessons using Google meet which is similar to Skype and can accommodate a large number of participants.

This situation of teaching online is unknown to us all but we shall find our way through it. Please be patient with us but let us know if you are having problems. I would recommend that you get your child to log on to check it works now. We will only be using Purplemash and Easimaths too – but will post all work on Google classroom.

If I have any further news or information, I will let you know immediately. In the meantime, please follow advice from the NHS regarding this virus and we can get through it together.

With kind regards

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Mrs L Evans
Executive Head Teacher

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Chair of Governors



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