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Fierté Multi-Academy Trust*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to write to reassure you that we are following the guidance given to us by the Department for Education and Public Health England linked to Covid-19. We will keep you updated via parent mail and our school website as we receive further information. Please see the information below which outlines the current measures in place.

Yesterday, the Prime Minister and his team of medical advisers announced a series of new measures to delay the spread of Covid-19. The following advice is now in place:

- Schools are to remain open and to follow the daily updates from the DFE/government.
- If one person in any household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days.

We remain open and have considered the implications for our school and have created plans to ensure that we are taking the necessary measures in line with the daily updates provided. Therefore, we can confirm the following:

- Class assemblies and family lunches will be cancelled until further notice.
- Trips and external visitors have been cancelled (Y6 Holocaust Museum trip, Y2 Captain Jack Sparrow, Swimming gala).
- Further events in school are also being postponed (Big Try Entrust Music Event, Walking Bus Meeting, PTA meetings).
- All face-to-face meetings are being rearranged; where possible being replaced with telephone conversations.
- We continue to follow the DFE/Public Health England Advice linked to regular hand washing for everyone in school.

In addition to this, cover has been arranged for the few members of staff that currently need to self-isolate; please be reassured that we are reviewing processes regularly throughout each day and ensuring that the safety and education of our children remains our prime focus.

We also have plans in place linked to home learning provision should the school be required to close in the future. A separate letter will be sent to you today regarding on-line learning via Teams. The children will be shown how to use this in their computer lessons this week.

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday), 10am to 4pm (Saturday to Sunday)

We appreciate that this is a difficult and ever-evolving situations. As well as updates from the Department for Education we are liaising closely with Fierté Trust also. We thank you for your continued support at this challenging time; your support is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Claire Keay

Headteacher

