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Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus Update – 19th March 2020

Today has been a busy day for both staff and pupils in school.

The focus for Bradford today has been to develop a strategic plan for pupils across the city. This is not an easy task, as council leaders make decisions on how children in receipt of Free School Meals will continue to receive this provision and how the city will support the most vulnerable children and those with Special Educational Needs.

For us at Grove House this means we have to sit tight and wait. Like you, I have found this a little frustrating but it has given us time to ensure your children have a positive day in school. Teachers have been able to spend time talking to children about what is going on and why. We all came together at lunchtime and ate together. Some children have been a little upset for what could potentially be a very abrupt ending to the term but we made sure your children have received the emotional support they need at this difficult time.


We are still waiting for a list of what professions will be classed as 'Key Workers' during this time. Today we have made contact with some parents who we already know will fit this category. As soon as the government provides us with official guidance, we will send out an electronic survey to parents to confirm their profession and contact details. This will help us gather the information we need and put our plans into action. Again, please bear with us. Until we have the definitive list, we cannot move forward with this aspect of the plan. We are expecting this information later this evening.

For the parents of children with Education Care and Health Plans, we continue to make plans for your children as well and will be in touch tomorrow morning to discuss this with you.

School will remain open on Friday 20th March to any pupil who is not ill or self-isolating. As a reminder:

- If you, your child or anyone else who lives in your household becomes unwell with a **persistent cough** or a **high temperature (above 37.8°C)**, then you must **all stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days**. To be clear, this applies to **everyone** living in the household.
- A period of self-isolation begins from when the first person in your household displays any of the symptoms above, and it should last for a full 14 days.
- Advice and guidance for families who need to self-isolate can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance> - it is very important that this is read and understood.
- Those aged over 70 should be avoiding any contact with schools.
- Everyone should be avoiding any unnecessary social contact, such as visiting the cinema, the theatre, bars or restaurants- this is so that the spread of the virus is slowed down as much as possible.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School