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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are all aware, we are going through a very uncertain time with the Coronavirus outbreak. I am writing to let you know what is happening in school and to share the advice we are being given by the Department for Education. Please be assured that we are monitoring the situation very closely to check that we are following the most up to date advice. As of now, we are still open and delivering the curriculum with a few adjustments to reduce the risks for children, families and staff.

**The current guidance for education settings is:**

- Staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal.
- If staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home.

**Hygiene guidance for schools:**

- Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using your standard cleaning products.
- Supervise young children to ensure they wash their hands for 20 seconds more often than usual with soap and water or hand sanitiser and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues.
- Posters and lesson plans on general hand hygiene can be found on the [eBug website](#)
- Unless you have been directly advised to close by the local Public Health England Health Protection Team, we recommend all education settings remain open.

Please see further Department for Education guidance by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19#contents>

**Adjustments to school life:**

We are proud of all the opportunities that we offer the children at King Ina. However, during these uncertain times, we feel that it is necessary to minimise the times when your children and the school staff come in to contact with others in the wider community, to help reduce the potential for contracting the Coronavirus. For this reason, we have made the decision to cancel the following events up until Easter:

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- Book Fair
- Ladies Quiz Night
- Topic outcome visitors in to school
- Parents attending Mrs Faulkner's Music concert
- NHS heights and weights measuring
- Mufti day, Easter Tombola, Bingo and Easter Bonnet parade
- Swimming lessons
- Volunteer helpers in school
- CLP Sports tournaments
- Easter Service in church
- Archie Project
- Parents' evening – Progress Reports will be sent home on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Should parents wish to speak to teachers, please contact the school office.

#### **Possible future school closures:**

As we have seen in other countries, a programme of school closures may be a measure that the government decides to implement. In these circumstances, we will send out further communication to you in the usual way via email, website and social media. If this happens, teaching staff will set work that pupils can complete at home.

#### **Reporting an absence:**

Please follow the normal routine for reporting your child's absence. If leaving a message via email, please state your child's name and the reason for the absence, confirm if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms; high temperature, new persistent cough or they have been told to self-isolate or been diagnosed with COVID-19.

We will endeavour to keep you updated as the situation develops. In the meantime thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Svenson  
Headteacher