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Coronavirus Update

As it stands, schools are still open but I know there is an **imminent announcement about to be made**, probably later today. This may involve a restructured school to support front line workers, it may be that the Easter holidays are simply brought forward by two weeks – we shall see. I wanted to inform you however, of the steps we have put into place in case we do close on Friday.

We have work prepared to send home for the two weeks up to the holiday break. If the holiday is moved and we are back after two weeks, we will not expect the children to do this – it is their holidays! But it could be that they bring the holiday forward and keep the two weeks already set making it 4 weeks off. Therefore, the pack of work can be done at your own discretion during the four weeks. If your child has been off in the run up to this and you need a pack for your child, you are welcome to call in on Friday to collect one.

As it is not clear at time of writing if or when they intend to reopen schools after Easter, we have already planned activities that we will send out via the school webpage and the class twitter page for children on each Monday morning for the children to complete over each coming week just in case. We will send the children home with either their homework book (KS1) or an exercise book for them to do the work in. We cannot provide pencils and pens unfortunately. Please do sign up to your class twitter page to ensure you receive this. You do not have to have given permission for your child's images to be used to access this page, it is open to everyone. We will also be sending home a brief report slip in lieu of the parents' evenings.

Please do continue to encourage your children to do the tasks set. There are also a number of online sites that can provide any number of learning opportunities. We will try to put together a list of ones we recommend on the webpage/twitter and send home before we close if we can. Do not forget, children have the log in for TT Rockstars and it is vital that you continue to hear reading as regularly as possible. We do not know how long we will be closed so it is so important children do not fall behind in their attainment and progress. Rocksteady music service is giving parents access to a portal for distance tuition.

Can I thank you all for your patience and understanding at this confusing time. Advice from the Government has changed on a daily basis so it has been difficult to keep up to date. I shall endeavour to post any future updates that concern school on the school website, Facebook and twitter pages as they occur. Governors are also closely monitoring the situation and continue to show strong support and commitment to the school in these unusual circumstances. All the staff - classroom, office, lunchtime, cleaning and particularly our Site Supervisor - are doing their best to ensure the children experience as normal a day as possible and I thank them for their positive approach and commitment to the wellbeing of your children in their care.

Again, I thank you all and all of our fantastic staff for the resilience and understanding approach to this unheard of situation and know that everyone here at Warstones wishes you all a safe and healthy outcome to this difficult time.

With best wishes



Covid 19 Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are *recent* onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Main messages

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus illness (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for **7 days** from when your symptoms started.
- if you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill
- it is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period.
- if you can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period
- if you cannot move vulnerable people out of your home, stay away from them as much as possible
- if you have coronavirus symptoms:
 - do **not** go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital
 - you do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home
 - testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home
- plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home and consider what can be done for vulnerable people in the household
- ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home
- wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water, or use hand sanitiser
- if you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, or your condition gets worse, or your symptoms do not get better after 7 days, then use the [NHS 111 online](#) coronavirus service. If you do not have internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999

