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### COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents,

In respect of the announcement that from yesterday, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, the guidance from the government is for everyone in the home to self-isolate for 14 days if one person in the household displays the symptoms of the virus. If you are having to self-isolate because someone in the home displays symptoms of Coronavirus, your child's official attendance figures will not be adversely affected by this, as it will be authorised. We would advise all parents to keep themselves informed with the most up-to-date information from the NHS England and the GOV.UK/coronavirus websites so that you can make a decision as to whether you feel you need to self-isolate. We appreciate that this is a difficult time for everyone and that individual families will need to make decisions based on their own circumstances. I would like to reassure you that we understand those circumstances where there is a medical need to isolate a family. Equally, if we are concerned about a child who falls ill whilst in school, we will contact you straight away and ask you to come and collect them.

As it stands, Cheselbourne Village School will remain open unless we are directed by the Government or Local Authority to do otherwise, or unless staffing the school adequately becomes impossible.

In the event of school closure or if children are required to be in isolation for 14 days, then we are keen to ensure we provide some form of continuation of education for all our children. At parent meetings we requested email addresses from all parents and investigated what access to home devices people have at home to help enable this to happen. Our plan is that during any self-isolation or closure we would begin regular email communication with our families to check in, make sure everyone is well and help maintain a sense of community during these tricky times. Further details about this can be found in the document 'CVS School at Home suggested Learning Programme' which will be sent out to any family in isolation or to all families in the event of a closure. This information details how we plan to support ongoing learning opportunities through these challenging times.

Many thanks again for everyone's ongoing support at this time. Take care,

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