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Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus - please continue to follow the advice given out by [Public Health England](#). As a school we are following County guidance and will only close if advised to do so. Any closure will be notified in advance and homework will be set for the children to complete. In preparation for this, we have added an activity to the homework section on Education City for every year group. PLEASE log on to Education City this weekend to check that your child can access the site correctly and notify the school office if not.

To clarify the current self-isolating guidance, along with advice from the local GP, children should only be staying at home for 7 days if they display **new** symptoms of a cough and/or temperature.

On the [Just One Norfolk](#) website for children and young people, you will find further information on Coronavirus. There is also helpful advice on this website, for you as parents, if your child is anxious.

The latest advice from the Department for Education is:

To support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

The symptoms are:

- **A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)**
- **A new, continuous cough**

You do not need to call NHS 111 to stay at home. If your symptoms worsen during your stay at home period or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Current advice remains in place: no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case, unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The Chief Medical Officer has advised that the impact of closing schools on both children's education and on the workforce will be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to schools will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.

** Reporting child absence - when leaving a message on the school's dedicated 24 hour absence line (01508 570326, option 1) it is essential that you give a specific reason for the absence and, if your child is unwell, **we must have details of the symptoms rather than "not feeling well, unwell or poorly"**.
Thank you **

Year 4 had a day with a Taiko drummer this week which culminated in a performance to years 2 and 5. He commented on their enthusiasm and good behaviour. We appreciate that this was arranged at very short notice, however please can I ask year 4 parents to contribute towards this via Wisepay, if you feel able to. Thank you.

Year 3 had a street artist visit them this week to explain how she came to paint the large dragon which you can see on the wall of Theatre Street in Norwich. Again, she was impressed with how well our children listened and responded to her.

I'm very happy to announce the winners of the reading challenge which was set for World Book Day. The following children all received a £10 book voucher:

Reception - Bessie Geiss-Lewis

Year 1 - Larissa Lasham

Year 2 - Jowen Downing

Year 3 - Emilia James

Year 4 - Jack Perry

Year 5 - Isabella Challis

Year 6 - Caitlyn Grady

Thank you to all that took part in our challenge.

Mulbarton's Got Talent! Three girls from year 6 organised this event which took place during lunchtimes. They held auditions and successful acts then went through to the semi finals/finals. Please see [photo 1](#) of the winning entries and [photo 2](#) of the organisers - Bryony, Rihanna and Daisy. Winner was Jasmine Clay, second place Henry Wright (with helpers Finlay Skipworth and Theo Pywell) and third place Isaac Thomas.

Year 2 - letter sent home this week about their trip to Colchester Castle on 21st April. A copy of the letter can be found on our website [here](#).

Year 4 - letter sent home this week about their trip to West Stow on 21st April. A copy of the letter can also be found on our website [here](#).

Does your child have self esteem and confidence issues? If so please see poster [here](#) advertising a local group which may help with this.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Bev Theobald

Head teacher