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Dear parents

I just wanted to touch base with you all today to give you a further update.

At home last night, I felt like I had a cold coming on, with blocked sinuses and sore ears. Unfortunately, I have awoken this morning with a persistent and continuous cough. I feel very well in myself, and am certain that the cough is simply caused by a head cold; however these are extraordinary times, and just like you, I am required to take the same measures that everyone else has been asked to take if they exhibit a persistent cough or a high temperature. Therefore, I am following the advice to self-isolate with my family for the next 14 days, as the government has requested.

Please do not be alarmed by this: we are all erring on the side of caution in order to protect our most vulnerable in society. I have not come into contact with anyone who has been confirmed as having the virus, nor been travelling in one of the areas deemed most at risk; however, I recognise that we all have our roles to play at this time as symptoms vary. If everyone follows the guidelines that we have given, hopefully will get life back to normal sooner rather than later!

Please rest assured that at this current time, we have had no confirmed cases at the school. Amey, our school management company, are disinfecting the school at the end of the day and each morning, ensuring that all surfaces have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected for our children and staff, and we are following all advice given from Public Health England.

I am working from home for the next 14 days, so you will still receive communication from me during this time. Miss Cassidy is ready and prepared to ensure that the school day goes smoothly, supported ably by Mr McDonald, Miss Lewis and the rest of the staff team.

If you have any questions, our doors are open as always, and the team will do their utmost to support you.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Tracey Coles