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Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure you are all keeping updated in regard to Coronavirus.

The latest guidance states that there are some groups of people who may be more at risk of serious illness if they catch coronavirus. This group has been defined as those suffering from a chronic illness and underlying health conditions and these include:

- Long term respiratory diseases such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), bronchitis
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic liver disease such as hepatitis
- Chronic neurological conditions (such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurones disease, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy)
- Diabetes
- Spleen disorders
- Weakened immune system

and this list is not definitive.

Please carefully assess the risk for your son or daughter when making the decision on whether or not to send him/her into school. If you decide to keep your son/daughter at home, you will not be penalised in any way.

In this time of uncertainty, I wish to assure you that we are doing all we can as a school to keep all members of our school community safe and well. Measures we continue to take include:

- Hygiene reminders for all staff and pupils
- Covid-19 information distributed to all staff regularly
- Hand sanitiser readily available
- Continued closure of the hydrotherapy pool and changing rooms
- No visitors are entering the school
- Communication with all other Kent special schools to share best practice as well as regular communication with KCC
- No whole school events
- No class outings
- Daily review of the situation

I will do my best to keep you updated from a school perspective. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours faithfully



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Principal