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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the daily updates on Coronavirus from our Prime Minister and the Government, it is important to realise that the situation is fast changing and unprecedented. As a school Crown Lane will continue to put your child's safety, education and well being at the forefront of everything that we do.

Yesterday it was announced that schools are not being directed to close at this stage and I will continue to keep you updated as and when new advice emerges. In the meantime, I want to keep Crown Lane open as much as possible and for as long as possible.

With this in mind it is very important that everyone follows the most up to date advice, which is that anyone with 'a new, continuous' cough *or* a high temperature self-isolates for 14 days. More information around this can be found on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

Can I ask that you do not send children into school if they have either of the symptoms above and do not come to school yourself if you also have either of these symptoms.

Anyone displaying these symptoms, including staff, will need to leave the school site as soon as possible. Parents and carers need to have plans in place to quickly collect their child if they are asked to do so. We have to work together in order to reduce or slow down the potential impact of the virus.

In the event that a large number of our staff are required to self-isolate, this may have an impact on the daily running of the school. I want to reassure you that our Senior Leadership Team have a very clear plan in place to keep the school open for as long as we possibly can.

In order to remain open, I may have to put in place one or more of the following strategies:

- In the event of many teachers being absent the school may have to adapt our curriculum. This may involve children may be participating in different activities including Art and project based activities.
- The number of children attending school may decrease and this may also be the case for staff. If this takes place children from different classes may be required to be grouped together.
- More than one class could be supervised in our dining hall.
- I may have to close the nursery, as it is non-statutory, in order to release staff to cover in other year groups.
- If staff absence is particularly high, I may have to divide the pupil population up and invite pupils in on alternate days; ensuring siblings could attend on the same day.

I fully recognise that the options outlined above will have an impact on our school community and I would like to reassure you that any decision taken will be with the safety of all children in mind.

Information is being updated frequently by the Government and this can cause worry for some children and their families. I will keep you all informed of any updates via our school text and email systems and the school website:

[www.crownlane.lambeth.sch.uk](http://www.crownlane.lambeth.sch.uk)

It is important that the school has all of your up to date telephone numbers and email addresses, so please contact the main school office if you need to update any contact information. I may have to send out information with very little notice, so please look out for messages from the school.

Please keep in mind that the incredible thing about the Crown Lane school community is that we are resilient and that we work together in times of uncertainty.

If you have any particular worries and you need to speak to me directly, please contact the school office and I will always do my very best to speak or meet with you. Alternatively, please come to see me at the school gates.

I will be in contact again soon.

Take care and thank you for your continued support!

Gavin Farrell  
Head Teacher