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Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday the government announced new measures as part of their strategy to tackle the coronavirus outbreak. These are having considerable impact upon school with staff households advised to self-isolate or staff recommended to work from home if they have high risk medical conditions.

Currently the government is advising schools to remain open. At Chowbent we will do all we can to remain open, however if it becomes impossible to run the school safely due to staff absence we will have to close or close to certain year groups. We are reviewing the situation daily as things progress. Whilst I understand parents may wish for certainty I hope that they will appreciate how difficult this is in these exceptional circumstances.

### For those children who are currently in self-isolating households

I will ask staff today to prepare activities/work which the children can carry out at home whilst they are absent. They will inform you of this work via the class DoJo app. Please do not use class DoJo as a messaging app to teachers, whilst school remains open. This is because teachers will be busy working with the children in school.

In the event of prolonged school closure we will support the children's learning as follows:

- Class teachers will set tasks daily via the class DoJo app. This may be work activities within Purple Mash website / project work / writing tasks linked to video prompts etc.
- In the event of prolonged school closure parents may use the messaging feature of the class DoJo app to ask for advice around work with their child's class teacher during normal school hours.



Due to social distancing advice we are today cancelling the Young Voices concert planned for this Thursday evening, the Easter service at the chapel, swimming for Year 3 and the P.T.F.A. Bingo evening. At present Friday is still an 'own clothes day' and children may bring a £1 contribution.

Mrs Macdonald's booster groups after school have been cancelled. Chowbent's Got Talent will be rescheduled to the summer term.

We appreciate your understanding as we all work together to tackle this virus. Please continue to remind the children of good hygiene methods and regular hand-washing.

Yours sincerely,

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