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Dear Parents/Carers

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We continue to follow the guidance from the Government and Public Health England but I am aware that anxiety is increasing during this very challenging time. We will keep you informed of any changes as soon as possible and will post all information on our school website. We wish to keep school routines as much as possible for our children to help minimise their anxiety but have taken the decision not to hold whole school worship to avoid everyone being in close proximity. For this same reason, we have taken the decision to cancel both Parents' Evenings this week. Reports can be collected from Wednesday; we are happy for these to be sent home with children if you prefer. If you feel you need to speak to the class teacher urgently, please contact school.

We are also cancelling our Service in Church on 31st March and wanted to provide advance notice in case you had planned to take time off work in order to attend. Visitors to school will be minimised so we have postponed the class photos until later in the school year.

In order to help us ensure all tables and chairs can be cleaned easily, we are asking that children in KS2 take pencil cases home from school each day. It is important they are returned daily as we would prefer them to use their own stationery rather than share at the moment. In Reception and Key Stage 1 we are keeping reduced quantities out to ensure we can keep it as clean as practicable.

Mrs Winder has asked me to let you know that we have taken the decision to cancel the gifts for Mothers' Day. Thank you to everyone who had donated gifts, we will look to use these later in the year through a PTFA event.

Any parent/carer wishing to discuss with their child/children the current situation please refer to the link below.

[https://parentinfo.org/article/three-tips-for-starting-a-difficult-conversation-with-your-child?utm\\_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm\\_campaign=d7c5afa46e-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_03\\_13\\_05\\_02&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_1ee27d9000-d7c5afa46e-179620397](https://parentinfo.org/article/three-tips-for-starting-a-difficult-conversation-with-your-child?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=d7c5afa46e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_13_05_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-d7c5afa46e-179620397)

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Upham  
Head Teacher