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Dear Parents and Carers,

During these uncertain and ever-changing times, we are doing our best to carry on as normal for the sake of the children who are at school while planning for the children and families in self-isolation, and also preparing for the possibility that we may need to close. In school so far we have been able to maintain staffing levels which are reasonably close to normal and so have been able to keep all 10 classes running but this may need to change as we move forward. We will only take the decision to close the school due to low staff numbers if we feel we can no longer have enough staff to keep the children safe. At the moment we have been given no official indication of any government plans to close schools.

On-going hygiene measures

We are continuing to make sure the children wash their hands at regular intervals during the school day. I know some children are suffering from dry skin as a result and if this is affecting your child and you feel they would benefit from their hands being moisturised during the school day in addition to before and after school you are very welcome to send them in with hand cream that they can apply.

Staggered drop-off and pick-up - 8:45-9:10am and 3:00-3:15pm

We are introducing an extended drop-off and pick-up period each day to allow for a reduction in social gathering. From tomorrow the top gate in the main playground and the gate by the school office will be open from 3pm each afternoon and until 9:10am each morning and we will close morning registers later to allow for this. The remaining gate will be open for the usual time periods.

Home Learning

As a precaution in case we need to close at short notice, we are sending all the children home today with a blank exercise book and pencil, along with a sheet of ideas for home learning. If you are already at home with your child, please arrange to collect a pack from school as soon as possible. If you need to self-isolate or in the event of a school closure, please look on your child's class page on the school website www.trinityfirstfrome.co.uk for information about home learning. The teachers have been busy creating documents to guide parents to suitable tasks, websites and resources and these will be accessible from the class pages. All classes have set up an emergency gmail account which will enable parents and teachers to remain in contact **in the event of a school closure**. Class teachers will check these email accounts at least once every day that would otherwise have been a school day (i.e. Monday - Friday in term time) and will respond to queries as soon as possible. If you

wish to get in touch with me, Mrs Rose, Mrs Corcoran or Mrs Crawley please continue to use the school office email address (office@trinityfirst.somerset.sch.uk) and your query will be directed accordingly. As long as school remains open, please use the main school email or telephone line to get in touch with teaching and office staff.

The emergency email addresses (also on the class pages on the website) are as follows:

sunshinetfs@gmail.com

rainbow1tfs@gmail.com

oaktfs1@gmail.com

mapletfs@gmail.com

poppytfs@gmail.com

jasmine1tfs@gmail.com

hollytfs@gmail.com

brambletfs@gmail.com

gorsetfs@gmail.com

pine1tfs@gmail.com

In the event of an extended closure, we will try to keep in touch with parents and families on a regular basis through these email accounts and also through updates on our website. Key pages to look out for in addition to the class pages are the Head's Update which can be found under the About tab and the newsletter page which is found under the Useful Information tab.

Sunshine and Rainbow parents, please keep uploading photos and comments about the things your child is doing at home on Tapestry.

We strongly suggest that as far as possible, families keep to a school-type routine and engage in learning activities during normal school hours. Don't forget the children have two hours of PE each week as well as about an hour of running around during breaks so as long as you are able to be outside do make time for physical activity outdoors.

Self-isolation

The most up-to-date information is as follows:

- If any member of the household has symptoms of coronavirus ALL household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This 14 day period starts from the first day the first person in the house became ill. If another member of the household starts displaying symptoms, they must stay at home for 7 days even if this takes them beyond the original 14 day period.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8° and above)
- A new, continuous cough

Here is a link to the guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

As always, please do come and have a chat if there is anything you are concerned about.

Yours sincerely,

Amanda Seager