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Dear Parents/Carers,

Considering the current situation regarding Covid19 and in consultation with the Staff and Governors, I have taken the decision to review non-essential school events to limit risk to the school community including those who may be more vulnerable. This is also supported by Flintshire County Council's latest recommendations for schools to date and within the Buckley Consortium.

Although such events are an integral part of the school calendar, we feel that it is sensible to postpone and reschedule the following until further notice:

- ✚ Inter-school sporting activities
- ✚ Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
- ✚ Parent's Evenings
- ✚ Easter Bingo - the planned non uniform day will now be cancelled.
- ✚ Parental workshops
- ✚ Community Events including Stay & Play
- ✚ Extra - curricular clubs
- ✚ Trips

Currently public health advice states it is generally safe to go swimming during this time. However, we will review this when any new information or guidance comes out, as it can change rapidly. We know that these decisions will cause disappointment, but the health and safety of our Westwood Family is paramount and as always, be reassured that I will keep you fully informed and updated if there are any changes

Please continue with your hygiene regime and handwashing at home. With hygiene being of the utmost importance at this time, **I must request for children to bring in their own water bottle, labelled with their name, for use in school please from Wednesday 18th March.** These can be topped up during the school day.

You can keep updated with the Public Health Wales website <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/> or <https://gov.wales/coronavirus> which provides updated information about symptoms and self-isolation guidelines. **The latest statement is that self-isolation has now been increased back to 14 days; if one person in any household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days.**

At this time, if your child is in self-isolation, we will not be sending out individual workpacks; reading, maths and spelling, with use of the Hwb platform will suffice at this time. However, please be reassured that we are currently planning activities for our children in the event of a school closure. Information regarding school closure will be sent out via the normal channels of communication if or when necessary. There will also be this information on the Flintshire school closures website. Again, I must reiterate that if you are self-isolate, please contact school via email or by telephone to let us know. Again, for further Covid 19 health updates as they happen, please use official routes of information; go to <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/> or <https://gov.wales/coronavirus> where you will be navigated to sections that will answer your inquiries.

Also we have produced a child friendly guide to Covid 19 from Mindheart. Go to https://secure.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/260/news/435094_news_file.pdf and share this with your child.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding and patience during this challenging and uncertain period.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J.S. Williams