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Dear Parent/Carers,

As promised last week, I am writing to update you concerning the latest news about Coronavirus. St Benet's Academy Trust leaders have met this morning to discuss what strategies they have in place to ensure that schools can be kept open safely and issued guidance for us to follow.

At this moment, the school will be open tomorrow as I have enough staff to guarantee the health and safety of all staff and children in the school. However, a number of staff have had to self-isolate, but rest assured they do not have Coronavirus but are having to follow the government advice for isolation. This does mean that some children may be taught by different teachers.

I will be assessing whether the school can be open on a day by day basis and you will be kept fully informed of any decisions made.

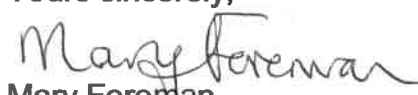
I have also made the difficult decision to cancel our Mother's Day and Easter services after yesterday's advice about meeting in large groups. Our nursery and reception classes have been busy making alternative arrangements so that the children can still complete their performances without an audience being present. Some after school clubs are continuing and you will be advised by the leader of the club if this is not the case.

Information about home learning is being sent home, with permission slips to be returned to school as quickly as possible. This will include learning opportunities for children who are already self-isolating. Our website will also be updated with lots of learning sites for you to signpost your children towards.

This is a time when decisions are being made on a daily basis with so much rapid change in the worldwide situation. We cannot change the fact that what is said on one day may be totally changed on the next. Tomorrow, we will be able to open the school to children and endeavour to stay open for as long as possible.

Once more, can I thank you for everything you are doing on a daily basis to support your child and the school.

Yours sincerely,


Mary Foreman
Interim Headteacher