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Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parents

As I am sure many of you are aware, over the weekend, The Ashcombe School made the decision to close due to a confirmed case of Coronavirus (Covid-19) and the two days of closure will allow them to conduct a deep clean of the school.

In line with advice from the Department of Education and Public Health England, North Downs will remain open and we will remain vigilant of any pupil or member of staff who is showing flu symptoms and advise of 7 days of self-isolation. We kindly ask that our community keep the school informed of any symptoms so we can make appropriate plans.

As a precaution, the school will now be implementing a new Coronavirus response strategy with the following aims:

- To minimise the risks to health of our staff and children.
- To minimise or delay the risks of school closure.
- To contribute to minimising the spread of the virus within and between our local communities, and therefore nationally.

As a result, of this, the following guidelines will be implemented:

- Additional cleaning of key areas of the school.
- Continue to remind children and staff regarding hygiene.
- Only essential external visitors will be permitted in school.
- Reduce the number of large gatherings to minimise the number of children in one area until Easter. This includes Eagles Class Assembly and Gold Star Assemblies.
- All external school trips and inter sport fixtures between now and the Easter break will not go ahead.

With this in mind, please note that the Year 5 trip to Ufton Court will be postponed. We will then be sending out further correspondence regarding other scheduled events, trips, assemblies for the rest of the term. We have been and will continue to follow advice from the DfE and PHE.

Further information for parents is available here www.gov.uk/coronavirus . Please contact us if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

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