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Dear parents/carers,

Coronavirus update and school plan

As you're probably aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. We're getting in touch to let you know what we're doing in light of this, to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We'd like to reassure you that at SILS we're taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government and Southwark local authority.

What's the current situation?

➤ **Is the school open** – although we are trying our best to follow the official guidance to keep the school open, we have unfortunately had to make the difficult decision to amend our opening hours to:

- **KS3 Davey Street, will be open from 9.00 to 12.30 p.m. from Wednesday 18 March 2020 until further notice**
- **KS4 Porlock Hall, remain open as normal from 9.00 to 3.15p.m.**

➤ If you, your child or anyone you live with has the following symptoms you must follow guidance to stay at home:

- A new, continuous cough and/or
- A high temperature

➤ If your child is unwell or is self-isolating, report this as you would normally by calling the school office on 020 75251150 (KS3) or 020 75250370 (KS4)

➤ We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation

What we need you to do

➤ If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via email or telephone



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What happens if the school has to close?

We'll only close if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school.

In either case, we will:

- Telephone and send text messages to alert parents about the closure, and post information on our school website
- The school website will also have information on when the school will be reopened
- We will upload work / lessons onto the school website www.silsschools.org for all students to ensure they can keep up to date with their learning. Kindly check that your child can access the school website www.silsschools.org from home, and let us know if there are any issues. We will also have hard copies of work that is posted online for students unable to access online learning.

Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

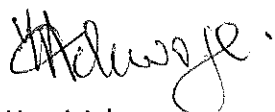
If you have any questions

Please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- NHS, if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use NHS 111 online if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools

It's a tricky time and we know you're worried about the impact this might have on our community. It's important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

Thank you for your continued support.



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