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### Coronavirus update #3 16.3.2020

To all Parents/Carers,

In response to a growing number of parents who have approached me on the gate, we have not been given any directive regarding a school closure. However, we are taking various precautionary measures around school as this situation continues to evolve. Until further notice, we have decided to postpone:

- All school assemblies (including this Thursday's Music Assembly for parents/carers)
- All after school clubs (effective from 17<sup>th</sup> March)
- All private music lessons

Part of the reason for these postponements is to ease the administrative burden on our office staff should school suddenly have to close. The other reason, as I am sure you can appreciate, is to lessen the general risk. Please visit our website for all other updates we have provided thus far:

<http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/Newsletters>

### What else we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff:

- Continuing to monitor closely pupils who feel ill on the school premises
- Continuing with our enhanced cleaning schedule
- Continuing to enforce hand-washing and promote general hygiene
- Continuing to monitor daily absence rates of staff and pupils
- Continuing to reassure and minimise any emotional impact

### What happens if the school has to close?

We will only close if we are either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school. In either case, we will:

- Communicate with you via emails and our text messaging service
- Issue work and activities for remote learning – these are currently being planned as a precautionary measure.

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

And, once again, please remember that if your child has any of the following symptoms, they should remain at home for 7 days from the onset:

- a new, continuous cough and/or
- a temperature

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.  
Mr I. Johnson