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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our letter to you on Friday, there has been updated guidance from the Government yesterday. The key points from the revised guidance can be found below and needs to be followed by all families, including those already self-isolating:

- if you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill
- it is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

Full details can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

The revised information has now classed pregnant ladies as being vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19 and therefore social distancing is now highly recommended by the Government. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Social gatherings and close contact with people from outside of your household are being strongly discouraged, therefore to protect the children in our care, from today and until further notice, we are implementing a drop and go system at the door. This is to avoid any additional people entering Pre-School to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus and to protect any pregnant or vulnerable parents. We appreciate that this maybe challenging at times, but our team are here to support children on arrival. We are also cancelling any events involving the children mixing with people from outside of the Pre-School setting, including our visits to Ashwood and parents' evenings.

Any families choosing to self-isolate please let us know so that we can keep our records up to date with reasons why children are not attending Pre-School.

Thank you for your cooperation and support at this difficult time for us all, we will continue to keep you updated as new guidance becomes available.

Yours Sincerely,

Diana Scott (Pre-School Manager) & Chris O'Dwyer (Chairperson)