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Dear Parents,

Coronavirus – COVID-19

This morning, the Headteachers from Stratford St Mary, Copdock & Bentley, East Bergholt and Capel St Mary Primary Schools met to discuss and ensure that there is continuity of approach across all of the local primary schools at this difficult time.

These were the agreed actions from the meeting.

1. Any child who has a continuous cough for more than half a day will be sent home, parents can make decisions about isolation from then on.
2. We will advise any parent of a child with an underlying / significant health condition to strongly consider self-isolation. For example, asthma, as this is a respiratory illness. The decision will rest with the parent but the absence will be authorised.
3. Mother's Day Lunch and Shared Assemblies will be cancelled.
4. Home learning packs will be produced by Friday 20th March and sent home, please save them for any future closure. There will be details for each class/year group in the pack with suggested websites to support learning; details will also be available on the website – under class pages. Due to the present situation, parents are requested to monitor their children's learning.
5. Each setting will respond to staff absences according to their Critical Incident policy. There may be a time when an individual school will close due to health and safety considerations but we will respond to advice from Public Health England and the Local Authority.
7. If children are self-isolating and the children are Free School Meals (not Universal Free School Meals), we will do our best to provide a packed lunch to these children. Decisions about delivering a meal will be considered on a case by case basis.
8. The latest DFE guidance is [here](#). This changes on a daily basis and we will update you accordingly. Advice on self-isolation, social distancing and other virus related information should be followed directly from the Government website.

We are attempting to provide a normal, stable and safe school for all our children as this event continues, our staff are very experienced in working with children who may feel worried and anxious about what is going on and everyone will be supported. As soon as any advice changes we will let you know. Thank-you for your continuing support.

With kind regards,

Mrs Bilner
Headteacher