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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are sending this letter in response to the Government's latest advice on COVID-19, which was announced yesterday evening. The Government has confirmed that the country is now moving into the 'delay phase' of their response and to this extent the following advice has been issued: In short, anyone that has a new and continuous cough and/or a high temperature must self-isolate for 7 days. If your child develops these symptoms during their time at school, parents/carers will be contacted to come and collect their child and asked to self-isolate them for 7 days. Children without symptoms should continue to attend school as normal unless advised by a medical professional.

We must stress that **SCHOOL IS AND WILL REMAIN OPEN** unless advised otherwise by the Government or Public Health England. Please continue to remind your children about good personal hygiene as school are also reinforcing these messages.

If you have any questions about coronavirus then please contact the DfE helpline and email address that school staff, parents, carers and young people may have about the virus. The helpline is open 8am—6pm Monday to Friday:

Telephone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

As a precautionary measure, in the event of a school closure in the future, we are supplying students with packs of work to complete at home alongside reading books, spellings, learning grids and times table practice. These do not need to be completed unless there is a school closure, so please keep these packs somewhere safe incase that event were to happen.

As well as the work packs sent home, there are also a number of websites that children can access to help with their education. These include:

- <https://ttrockstars.com>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com>
- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities>
- <https://topmarks.co.uk>

In the event of a school closure, lines of communication between home and school will remain open in regards to our office email address and our Facebook page. School staff will continue to work at home. Parents can email the 'office@' address or send a direct message via our Facebook page. School may also communicate updates or messages to parents through the Facebook page or our text message system. Therefore please make sure we have up to date contact details for you and also please find us and like us on Facebook:

Email: office@st-james-farnworth.bolton.sch.uk

Facebook: @stjamesfarnworth

Just to reiterate that school is remaining open and we are following all advice given to us by the Department for Education and Public Health England. School will keep parents updated with this issue and if school were to close we would obviously prefer to do this with as much notice as possible for parents, but with the ever changing national situation we cannot guarantee we would be able to. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding any of this.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Belfield
Principal