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Dear Parents/Carers,

Update Letter

It has been a busy week back at school with children returning with energy and enthusiasm. Children in Year 4 have enjoyed Outdoor Learning at the field and a number of children have participated in a Walk to School Workshop where they have been learning about the health and environmental benefits of choosing sustainable travel options. We know many parents are attending the PTFA climate change talk this evening which we trust will be informative and engaging.

There is a great deal of current news that raises questions for parents and carers and we will continue to provide updates via emailing letters (available on the website) and text messaging.

Climate Youth Strike Protest in Bristol Friday 28th February

The Local Authority have written to schools advising that they are anticipating high numbers of people and significant disruption in the city centre which present potential safeguarding issues. They recommend people think very carefully before deciding to take their children to this protest, it is unlikely anyone will be able to leave the area quickly.

We have been advised to stress to parents that neither the Council nor the Police are responsible for children who attend this protest. Children not at school will be the responsibility of their parents, carers or the responsible adults accompanying them.

In light of the advice, if you are planning to attend it will not be possible to register your child on Friday morning and then collect them part way through the morning due to insufficient staff to facilitate large numbers of mid-session collections. Absences to attend this event will not be authorised.

Please also find attached a letter from Andy Bennett, Bristol Police Commander & Force Hate Crime Lead.

Coronavirus Update

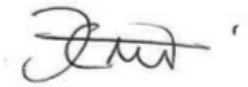
As you will be aware the situation regarding the Coronavirus outbreak is evolving daily. We are monitoring the current health situation using advice provided by Public Health England. They are regularly updating the list of areas requiring action and, most recently, have included parts of Italy.

We have no way of knowing the travel arrangements for pupils over the half term break and would ask you to refer to the attached document and for those who have been in these areas to review the advice given and act appropriately.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk

We are continuing to monitor the Public Health England website and will update you with any changes in advice.

Yours sincerely,



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