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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the current partial school closure of our school and the reasons why we have had to take the decision for a period of time.

Under the current guidance from Government, which require individuals with a persistent cough and/or high temperature to self-isolate, a number of our staff are now not able to work.

Given the issues in finding even short-term cover, this means that we cannot provide enough teaching and support staff to cover our classes and meet the required health and safety pupil to staff ratios.

Having sought advice from the Local Authority and from up-to-date information on the Department for Education website, the Chair of Governors and I have made the decision to close the **Reception Class ONLY** for the rest of this week and plan to reopen on Monday 23rd March.

I appreciate this will have a significant impact on you and your children, however I hope you will understand that we are acting on the advice provided by health authorities, in the interests of our pupils, staff and families. Our school will operate as normally as possible with continued vigilance around hygiene, with additional cleaning provided by our service contractors.

We are planning to fully re-open the class when we have sufficient staff available to do so and once I have further information, I will update all families.

I am sure you will join me in wishing all of our staff and their families a speedy recovery and I hope to be able to welcome you all back to school as soon as possible.

Should you have any further questions or queries, I would like to signpost you to the council's website where you can find links to all the latest NHS and government information and guidelines: www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus. Thank you for your continued support at this unprecedented time.

Yours sincerely,

Maxine Sewell

Carol Lawler

Head Teacher and Chair of Governors



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