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Dear Parent

March 17th 2020

Further to my letter on Sunday 15th March I am writing to reassure you that when school recommences at 0900 tomorrow your child's health and well-being are my number one priority. The decision to send / not send your child to school is a matter for all families to decide based on Public Health Agency guidance. Can I publicly thank Mr Fegan, the SLT and staff for their help, support and courageous leadership at this time.

Please note the following:

- 1. Safety Measures:** To minimise the risk to children and staff no parents, visitors or tutors will be admitted beyond access points. This is a temporary emergency arrangement aimed at reducing foot fall. In school we hope to minimise larger gatherings by suspending assemblies and having lunches in individual rooms etc. Breakfast Club will remain operational to Friday. For arrangements regarding after school care please speak to the provider directly. Use of ICT and play equipment will be restricted and where possible if children could bring their own pencil etc that would be helpful.
- 2. Cancellations:** There will be no parental interviews on Monday 23rd March but reports will be issued in June as normal. Any forthcoming school or PTA event will be cancelled such as The Lion King and the Hog Roast. All educational visits and residential trips within this period are also being cancelled and I hope to keep any financial losses to an absolute minimum but am unable at present to give a framework or structure for repayment.
- 3. Learning at Home:** When Academy closes please work through the booklets and suggested websites sent home for weeks 1-2. Subsequent work and guidance will be sent home weekly on our school website class pages. We are not taking a vacation and we will not abandon you.

I am deeply saddened by the contents of this note and take no delight in forwarding it to you. I feel so sad for our P7 pupils in particular and apologise for the disappointment you will feel as the final weeks of their time at APS come to an end. I know P6 parents will be particularly anxious and I share your anxiety. I will update our school community with regular updates and outline what the best way to communicate to each other is over these next weeks and months.

In the meantime, keep calm, keep safe and keep reassured that as a school community we will get through these hard times together.

Let us be found when the chips are down, to be a school community of empathy and generosity of spirit.

SH Moore
Principal