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Dear Parents and Carers

This is just to keep you updated with our latest responses to the current situation as I know these are uncertain times. All schools continue to have daily updates from the DfE and we continue to follow advice given.

It has been decided to keep contact with other schools to a minimum and so the decision has been made with Walton & Lees Hill School to cancel our attendance at U-Dance. Whilst this is disappointing as the children and staff have put so much effort into it, I hope that you understand that we want to keep all our school community well.

Some other actions we are taking are:

- keeping visitors to a minimum at this time and asking all visitors to school – including parents – to wash hands upon arrival
- cleaning the school more frequently and continuing to emphasise the importance of hand washing and hygiene with the children

We would ask you to pay attention to government advice regarding 'self-isolation' - any coughs or a fever must be taken seriously and children must be kept home from school. Any child presenting with symptoms will be sent home. You can find further information on the Public Health England website.

The children will ask questions and we are answering these with sensitivity and honesty. If you, or your child, are worried please do speak to us.

On a more positive note, we are excited that we are able to offer access to Skoolbo – an online learning platform. It is linked to Blackford CE Primary school's account so don't be surprised to see that name on it! There is a letter sent out with this one that has details of what to do to give permission for your child(ren) to access this resource. Please follow the instructions given.

I will continue to keep you updated and thank you for your continued support.

All the very best

Linda W Smith

Headteacher