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Dear Parents/Carers,

Cancellation of Non-Essential Events/Gatherings

As of Monday 16th March 2020, Coopersale and Theydon Garnon CE Primary School, will be cancelling all non-essential mass gathering events held within our school grounds and premises, until further notice.

This decision has not been taken lightly, as School leaders we are in constant communications with the DfE, PHE and our Local Authority – and our underlying reason for this decision is to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in our local community and towards protecting our more vulnerable groups, such as older community members with underlying health problems.

Tonight's Adult Quiz night is to continue and we look forward to seeing those who have already booked to come. Obviously, if any adult attending has symptoms related to the virus, please do not attend.

We had planned a wonderful event day for Mother's Day, to be held on Friday 20th March – however, as this constitutes as a large gathering, this will now be cancelled. The PTA will still be running their gift shop on Friday 20th March. Invites to parents to attend Fabulous Finish sessions will also be cancelled. More information will come next week on arrangements for the Year 3&4 Easter Production.

Parent invites to our weekly Friday Celebration Worships will continue – as although these are non-essential, it is not a large gathering of visitors coming in to our school and in contact with our children & staff. For events like this, we will insist on you following the guidance & advice from PHE on identifying symptoms of Coronavirus, and we will ask you to wash your hands on arrival and as you leave our school. This will also apply to any visitor who arrive at our school for essential visits, such as specialists working with our SEND pupils.

In line with Public Health England guidelines, the school's visits will be assessed individually and we will inform you of any possible cancellations from next week onwards. We will not be cancelling any school trips today.

In regards to COVID-19, as school leaders of Coopersale, we are dealing with facts only, and we must not allow our opinions to decide on such serious matters.

More information will be sent home on Monday 16th March 2020.

I thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Mr. D. Bateman (Headteacher)