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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus COVID-19 – School Update

With all the uncertainty surrounding the Coronavirus outbreak, I would like to update parents and carers regarding the current situation at school.

At present, our school remains open and we are doing everything possible to ensure that it remains a safe environment. Children, staff and any visitors are being encouraged to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly, especially before eating and after going to the toilet, while the site itself is cleaned daily to a high standard. Although we appreciate that many children have been given hand gels, we are asking them to use soap and water as a priority while at school, as this has been shown to be more effective at protecting against viruses. If your child is experiencing dry hands as a result, they are welcome to bring hand cream in to school.

The Department for Health and Social Care is currently advising anyone with the following symptoms to stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days:

- **A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)**

OR

- **A new, continuous cough**

The government has published guidance about self-isolating at home on their website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>.

~~We have been advised by Public Health England that, providing a child is well, they may attend school – even if they have had contact with someone who is suspected of, or confirmed as having, Coronavirus.~~

Update 17th March 2020: Government advice now states that if you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of Coronavirus, all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The period starts from when the first person in the house became ill.

Staff have been directed to maintain vigilance for the above symptoms in themselves, or in the children in their care, and we are aware of the protocol to follow should we have any concerns regarding an individual.

In the event that the school is directed to close, we will communicate with you at the earliest opportunity. It would be worthwhile considering how you would manage this situation at home, so that we are all prepared. In these circumstances, we anticipate that learning would be made available to children via our website.

This is an evolving situation and we are following all government guidelines as they are issued. Please be assured that the wellbeing of the children remains our absolute priority. I will endeavour to keep you informed as the situation progresses.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Allen
Headteacher



Coronavirus

Wash your hands with soap and water more often for 20 seconds



Palm to palm



The backs of hands



In between the fingers



The back of the fingers



The thumbs



The tips of the fingers

Use a tissue to turn off the tap.
Dry hands thoroughly.

