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Dear parents and carers,

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE REGARDING SCHOOLS AND CORONAVIRUS

With the current concerns around Coronavirus, I wanted to take the opportunity to share our position and the guidance that we as a school, have been given.

The most important action that we can take to protect against Coronavirus and other germs is to promote good hand and respiratory hygiene. We are providing additional anti-bac stations around the school as we continue to encourage children and staff to do the following and ask that you support this at home too:

- Wash hands often - with soap and water or using alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available.
- Cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin.

We are following national advice and the school is operating as normal. Should the situation change or if we are given different advice, we will communicate this to you. Please see the following update from the Department of Health regarding advice for the Coronavirus.

No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

The importance of hygiene: Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19. Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages.

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline: We have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:
Phone: 0800 046 8687 & Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk Open 8am-6pm (Monday to Friday)

Public Health England has a dedicated webpage with a range of posters and digital materials:

Latest updates on COVID-19: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

If you believe you are at risk, then please contact NHS 111 for advice.

Yours sincerely

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