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Dear Parents/Carers,

Since our last update on 10th March 2020 the spread of the Coronavirus in the UK has increased.

We would like to reassure all members of the school community, that we are following all the advice given by the government and health experts when it comes to dealing with COVID-19 in schools. We receive daily updates from The Department for Education and Public Health England about this issue and the Senior Leaders meet daily to discuss updates and required actions. We are however aware that the spread of the virus is not something we can accurately predict so we must stay very alert to changes. That may mean decisions have to be made quickly to reflect the situation locally.

We continue to run an increased cleaning regime across the building and place a key focus on hand washing with the children and staff and appreciate all of your help in reinforcing this important message.

It is important to ensure you monitor your emails daily as there may be a need to increase communication with parents in the weeks ahead. We would like day to day life at school to stay as normal as possible and we would ask for your support in this.

In the event that you or your child displays any of the following symptoms,

- New persistent cough and/or
- Temperature of 37.8 degrees or above

as prescribed by the current advice, please follow the Governments advice to self-isolate for 7 days.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

<https://111.nhs.uk>

The best way to tackle the challenge posed by coronavirus is by following public health authorities' advice, for example on hand washing, 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and reducing the impact and spread of misinformation by relying on information from trusted sources such as that above.

Yours sincerely

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Principal