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Dear mums, dads and carers,

RE: Covid-19/ Coronavirus

As the situation regarding the COVID-19 outbreak changes on a daily basis, we want you to be assured that we are continually monitoring advice and guidance from Public Health England and the Department of Education. We also intend to keep you informed and updated as often as necessary to provide factual information regarding any developments.

I would like to take this opportunity to outline the preventative measures the school has put in place in order to minimise the spread of infection.

- Putting up information posters around the school.
- Assembly and reminders in class about good hygiene and handwashing measures.
- Encouraging good hygiene by promoting the importance of handwashing for at least 20 seconds with soap:
 - Before leaving home
 - At the start of the school day
 - After using the toilet
 - After breaks and sporting activities
 - Before lunch
- Hand gel in all classrooms and additional cleaning resources ordered.
- Cancelled food tasting/ preparation/ cooking clubs.
- Ensuring pupils and staff understand that they must cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away – **Catch it, Bin it, Kill it.**
- Ensuring frequently touched objects and surfaces are cleaned and disinfected more regularly than usual.
- Creating and using a four staged risk procedure to follow, based on government guidance.



Most recently, the government have released new 'Stay at Home' guidance, which you can find using the link below.

<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>

The key message of this guidance states that if you, or your child, displays the symptoms of COVID-19 (new, continuous cough and/or high temperature) then they should stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms started. For such cases, there will be no testing, this is primarily designed to help prevent the spread of infection. If symptoms persist beyond 7 days, you should contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk for further guidance. If you do not have internet access, you should call NHS 111.

Other useful guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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

The DfE have set up a helpline offering guidance for anyone with education related questions – from early years up to universities as well as for parents: **0800 046 8687**

Currently, guidance states that school are to remain open. Detailed information will come out to you, as and when needed, if the situation changes. In the meantime, we continue to encourage our children to regularly and thoroughly wash hands with soap and water. As you will be aware, the situation is changing rapidly and we will keep you updated through Texts and the Latest Letters section of the Website.

Yours,

Mel MacKinnon
HEADTEACHER

