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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to the information shared on last week's newsletter. I can confirm that the advice given at that time remains current. The health and wellbeing of all of our students and staff remains our number one concern and we are continuing to strictly follow the advice from the Government Public Health England and the NHS.

The school is carefully monitoring any government updates relating to the current Coronavirus outbreak on a daily basis. Please take the time to read the advice yourself as it provides useful guidance that is relevant to all individuals and families.

I am hopeful that the school will continue to remain open over the coming weeks and months but any decisions will be based on the health, wellbeing and safety of our school community. However, we need to consider how we would support our students should we be required to fully or partially close. As such, we are continuing to develop our response to these circumstances and are carefully considering how we could best support our students in their learning. Each day school receives an update from the DFE regarding COVID-19 and regular updates will be placed on our website.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus.

Everyone entering school will be expected to follow the procedure set out below to help prevent the spread of viruses:

People who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting

Pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:

- Before leaving home
- On arrival at school
- After using the toilet
- After breaks and sporting activities
- Before food preparation
- Before eating any food, including snacks
- After sneezing, coughing using tissues
- Before leaving school

We will use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available.





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It is advised that throughout the day at home and at school, washing your hands often - with soap and water, or the use of alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport

- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#)
<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101/resources/5016>
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment
- See further information on the [Public Health England Blog](#)
<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/> and the [NHS UK website](#) <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Face masks for the general public, pupils or students, or staff are not recommended to protect from infection, as there is no evidence of benefit from their use outside healthcare environments.

People who have returned from [Category 1 specified countries/areas](#) in the last 14 days should self-isolate. This includes avoiding attending an educational setting or work until 14 days after they return.

People who have returned from [Category 2 specified countries/areas](#) in the last 14 days, are advised to stay at home if they develop symptoms. All other pupils or students and staff should continue to attend school or university, including their siblings attending the same or a different school (unless advised not to by public health officials).

For now, the school remains open, but we will continue to keep you informed of any significant developments that may affect your child.

Kind Regards

Mrs S Charlesworth

Headteacher

