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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to keep you updated over the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak and the actions we are taking. Currently, we have been instructed by the Government to keep school open and we will continue to follow this direction unless we have increased staff illness/isolation and we do not have enough staff in school to operate safely.

If we have to close, we will post this information on the school website and send out text messages/emails to parents. We ask that you constantly check text and email messages alongside the website as this will be our most effective way of communicating.

We have cancelled all the planned school trips, external sporting activities and group events in school to reduce the risk to students and staff until further notice. I would also like to request that parents are not requesting additional meetings with staff in the next couple of weeks and that any discussions regarding your child are done by telephone or via the school email, again to reduce contact.

We have prepared work to send home and will recommend appropriate websites for use to support homework, in the event of a closure.

If your child is unwell with symptoms which are **new** and include a continuous cough and/ or high temperature above 37.8 the whole household needs to self isolate for **14** days and parents should use the NHS 111 on-line coronavirus service or telephone your GP surgery if their symptoms are serious or they do not get better after **7** days. Please contact us if you have taken the decision to self-isolate so we know who is unwell and not expected in school.

School has received guidance that if a student or staff member is showing these symptoms in school, we are to send them home. This is to protect the health and safety of the rest of our wider school community. Any pupil absence related to Covid-19 will not count against their attendance record, this measure has been implemented to encourage parents to follow the government advice.



We have a continued focus on hygiene and keeping our buildings as clean as possible with everyone washing hands and following all the advice we have been given. We are constantly making sure we emphasise the need for good hygiene daily.

This is an unprecedented and very challenging time for us all. We will do everything possible to keep you informed and to maintain a calm and safe working environment for our children and staff. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs E Smith
Headteacher