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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you of our preparations around managing the coronavirus. As I write there are no confirmed cases in Northumberland but as a Trust we have met to ensure that we are doing all we can to keep the students and staff safe and to plan for the possibility of school closures, should that be mandated nationally.

At this moment the advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England is that schools remain open. Currently we are ensuring that students wash their hands regularly using soap and water and we are encouraging this through poster campaigns and assemblies. You can support us in this by talking to your children in an age appropriate way about hand washing. There are several very good resources available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

We will do our best to keep schools open and are planning for what to do should we be hit by high levels of staff absence. This might mean that classes would be larger or mixed more and that we might adapt the curriculum.

In the event of schools closing we are also checking our IT systems in order that teachers can post work online for pupils to complete at home and getting paper resources ready that could be sent home with pupils to complete on the day of closure.

Electronic resources would be available through the School 360 platform which can be accessed on most tablets, PCs and laptops. Further details on how to access this platform, as well as your child's log-in details will be sent out shortly.

Should you anticipate difficulties accessing these resources online, please contact school on [admin@ovinghamfirst.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ovinghamfirst.northumberland.sch.uk), your query will be redirected to the relevant teacher.

Updates on the situation will be sent regularly and further information can be found on the school and TCLT website.

In the meantime, school remains open. If you or your child presents as unwell and suspects that they may have contracted coronavirus please follow the national guidance and call 111 for advice. Please do not send your child into school without following that guidance.

I hope that you will work with us to ensure everyone's wellbeing.

Yours sincerely

A. Hudson  
Headteacher