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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus update

I am writing to you about our plans and preparations for any potential disruption to school regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). We receive daily updates from the Government whose advice we follow.

What is the current situation?

Both schools remain open – this is the current official guidance we have been given.

- The KS2 breakfast club at Whalton will continue, as will any early morning 1:1 sessions at either school and after school clubs at Longhorsley and PAWS
- Pupils should attend school unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they **should remain at home for 7 days**:
 - a new, continuous cough and/or
 - a temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- You do not need to contact 111 to tell them that your children are staying at home
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by ringing the school office
- We have cancelled the Swimming Gala and all whole school services, including our Family Church Services and the Easter Services at both schools to minimize risk

We will keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation.

As a Federation, we have been through our Emergency plans and developed contingencies should we have to close or partially close due to either government



instruction or due to staff absence. In the event of any closure, partial or full, we will send you a message via Schoolcomms (Gateway) app, text, and put messages on our websites and twitter.

Should we have to close the school for any length of time, we have work prepared for your child which will be mainly shared through the school website and School 360 (usernames and passwords will be sent home when necessary). We also have a tab called 'Working from home' now on our school websites which have a full range of educational website links which cover the curriculum areas and are free to access. If you do not have internet access, please let us know as soon as possible.

<http://www.whalton.northumberland.sch.uk/website>

<http://www.longhorsley-st-helens.northumberland.sch.uk/website/home/94688>

What we need you to do:

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible**
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we will contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)
- Check that your child has access to our school website and to School 360 from home, and let us know if there are any issues (so we can make sure we are well prepared for remote learning if the school does need to close at some point)
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus to make sure they all feel supported

Please keep in mind that we are only sending out this information to help us to be fully prepared.

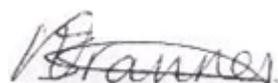
If you have any questions:

Please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- [NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's [travel advice](#), if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

It is important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with worries. Please continue to follow all advice to avoid catching or spreading the virus.

Thank you for your continued support.



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