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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will have seen in the media, there are now confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the UK. As a Trust we are following the latest guidance from the DfE, NHS and Public Health England on how to keep our children, parents, staff and communities well. We are receiving regular email notification of any changes in the guidance.

The current guidance is:

- No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England.
- Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19.

There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use 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](#)
- 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
 - before leaving school
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- 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

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I have attached the Public Health England Advice on Coronavirus for your information and more information can be found on the Public Health England website.

If you or a family member have been in contact with someone with coronavirus or have returned from an affected area and you are feeling unwell with a cough, difficulty breathing or fever, please stay at home and call NHS 111. Please do not go to your GP or other healthcare setting. Please ensure that you are aware of the Public Health England guidance if you are returning from the specific COVID-19 affected areas even if you do not immediately have any symptoms.

If there are any further updates that you need to be made aware of we will send out further communication.

If you have any concerns speak with the school office.

Yours sincerely

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