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Dear Parents & Carers,

Schools are being given up to date advice concerning the Covid-19 virus, (Corona virus). Whilst we are taking the matter seriously, we do not wish to escalate the situation and create over anxiety. There is currently no concern at school, we **do not** have any suspected or confirmed cases linked to the school. We are working to ensure that children are not feeling worried.

At the moment, like other schools, we are;

- Regularly sharing information with parents which we receive from Public Health England.
- Cancelling educational visits into central London or trips using the London Underground.
- Reviewing local visits on a case by case basis to assess the potential risks before deciding whether or not they proceed.
- Reminding children about washing their hands throughout the day.
- Ensuring that our contract cleaners are following key advice on a daily basis.

The advice we have been given from the Department for Education is as follows;

To prevent the spread of infection, make sure you and your children do the following;

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- *If you feel unwell with a high temperature, dry cough and headache, stay at home, do not attend school*
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – do not go directly to your GP

If your child is unwell and is being kept at home for any reason, please contact the school and inform us why your child is absent. If we suspect that a child is unwell and showing symptoms that concern us, we will contact you and request that he or she should remain at home until you have sought further advice from NHS 111.

I will continue to keep you informed of any further advice that we are given.

Yours sincerely,
Mr James Simmons
Headteacher



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Government Coronavirus action plan – dated Monday 9th March 2020

Current advice remains in place: No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

Exam preparation and Ofqual advice

We recognise that students, parents, schools and colleges will be concerned about the possible impact of coronavirus on the 2020 summer exam series. Ofqual's advice at this time is to continue to prepare for exams and other assessments as normal.

Ofqual continues to work closely with exam boards, other regulators and the Department for Education to plan for a range of scenarios, as the public would expect. Our overriding priorities are fairness to students this summer and keeping disruption to a minimum.

It is still many weeks until exams start and we will issue updated advice if necessary, giving schools and colleges as much notice as possible.

The latest updates from Ofqual can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/updated-statement-on-coronavirus>

Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is now available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>



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