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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your support and patience as our school continues to deal with a fast moving and, of course, concerning period which is new territory for us all.

We are continuing to keep up to date with guidance from both the Government and Public Health England. Below is the most up to date guidance:

To support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

The symptoms are:

- *High Temperature (37.8 degrees or above)*
- *A new continuous cough*

You do not need to telephone the NHS on 111 to stay at home. If your symptoms worsen during your stay at home period or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk. If you have no internet access, you should telephone the NHS on 111.

If your child displays any of the symptoms, however mild, they must remain at home for 7 days. Please let us know through the normal absence procedures.

In a bid to take steps ahead of the current advice it has been decided that this week's parent's meetings will no longer be face to face, instead the teachers will facilitate a telephone conversation with you. I am very aware that this is a disappointing course of action but one that I feel is appropriate given the current situation. In addition to this, the children will be spending less time in larger groups, e.g. in assemblies so we will not be having our Friday morning (Achievement Assembly) for the foreseeable future.

We will review staffing every day and be flexible with our arrangements to try and remain open. However, if we do not have adequate staffing levels to ensure the safety of all children, it may be necessary to close for some or all classes and we will monitor this daily. We will follow the same procedures as we would for any exceptional school closure. At this current time this is highly unlikely however, this is an unknown situation for all of us.



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We continue to provide extra hand washing opportunities for all the children throughout the school day. The facility management companies at both sites have been contacted to ensure that extra cleaning is being undertaken. Currently all educational visits will go ahead as planned, as the government have only placed restrictions on overseas visits. I will keep you informed of any changes to this decision.

We have also introduced additional preventative hygiene measures. Anyone visiting school will be asked to wash their hands or hand sanitise on entry to the building. Please could we ask parents and carers to stay outside classrooms when dropping off and collecting children. If you need to speak to the teacher, please contact the school office by phone or email to arrange an appointment. Class teachers will be on the door to answer quick questions outside the classroom.

In addition to this, we have been preparing home learning packs to ensure that learning can continue should we be forced to close. We will update you on this as we receive further information from the government.

As a school we wish to do all that we can to minimise the risks and ensure that the school remains a calm, happy and safe learning environment, with the wellbeing of the children and staff at the centre of all decisions.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Boylan

Headteacher

