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Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a great deal of media attention covering the coronavirus in schools and workplaces. We receive regular information from Public Health England (PHE), Department of Education (DfE) and the Local Authority (LA) and will be guided by them in terms of the steps we need to take to protect the children. Our first priority, as ever, is the health and wellbeing of our children, staff and the families who make up our learning community.

What is happening in school now?

We have already taken a number of measures in our schools:

- Ensuring regular handwashing
- Reminding our children about personal hygiene.

What may happen in the coming days?

There are a number of other measures that we may take, like for example temporarily stopping having assembly time at school, reducing the time spent sitting as a whole class on the carpet and cancellation of school visits to crowded locations. These measures will come into effect following advice from relevant authorities as we believe they become necessary.

Will the school close?

It is a possibility that it may become necessary to close the school – whether directed to do so or if this is a discussion, we need to take ourselves. Any closure could be partial or whole school in either the short term (for example for a deep clean) or longer term as advised. We are aware we may get little notice of such closures, and therefore, we are planning at a number of levels behind the scenes so that we are prepared for a short or long-term closure.

If this does become necessary, we will sign post you to distance learning materials, which will be accessible from your school website. This will include a collection of Maths, English and Science resources and also some project work that the class teachers will set for your children.

We will keep parents informed of any changes via the school texting system and links to the school website. Our school website has links to the most current advice we have been given and please be assured we will update or take the necessary action as advised by the above authorities.

If you have any concerns or display any of the symptoms outlined on the links please ensure that you follow the updated and relevant advice from the website links below.

The latest advice can be found on the Government website here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public> .

This page is updated at 2pm each day.

Public Health England have issued advice and guidance for Education Settings and COVID-19. **This can be updated any time** and can be found using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Thank you for your support during this time.



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