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Dear Parents and Carers

Please find recent advice and guidance for your information relating to the coronavirus.

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:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

You do not need to call NHS 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 call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Any pupil attending school who develops or presents with the above symptoms will be sent home for self-isolation.

If any parent or carer wishes to self-isolate their child, during this outbreak, this is a decision the school will support.

If at the end of the 7th day symptoms have improved and your child is intending to return to school you should contact the school to discuss the current situation.

To further support the delay of the spread of the virus the school will impose the following social distancing measures.

All visits by external professionals, parents and carers to the school will be postponed until further notice. A small number of compulsory visits may take place at the discretion of the headteacher. All planned educational, health and care plan review meetings and other routine meetings will take place via telephone.

All educational visits, inclusive of swimming, work experience and college, will stop until further notice.

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School closure

Current advice remains in place: no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The school will also continue to review the staffing levels to ensure the safe running of the school. If at any time I feel this cannot be achieved, partial or full closure will occur. Access to necessary cleaning items may also cause a school closure.

As new information is provided I will keep all informed by letter, the schools website and through social media. In the event of a school closure I will ensure this information is provided as much in advance as possible.

Many thanks



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