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Dear Parent and Carers

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update – 13th March 2020

As I am sure you will appreciate, the advice we receive from the government regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) continues to change and I suspect you are following the daily news bulletins with the same interest that we are. This letter sets out our current position and we will continue to share further updates with you as we receive them.

At the time of writing, we are not aware of any confirmed cases within our school community.

To support the delay of the coronavirus spreading:

To support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows flu-like symptoms (a fever of above 37.8C or a persistent cough) to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas or not. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

Current NHS advice is that you should not go to the GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you are staying at home, but you do need to contact school.

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- You feel your child cannot cope with their symptoms at home
- Their condition gets worse
- Their symptoms do not get better after 7 days.

Where pupils have been in close contact with a confirmed case or visited any high-risk areas identified by the government, we ask that they do not attend school and advise you to self-isolate, following government guidelines. Seek further advice from the NHS 111 service, as appropriate.



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Individuals at Higher Risk

For pupils who may be at higher risk should there be an outbreak at school (eg: pupils with lung conditions such as asthma), we will contact parents on an individual basis, as appropriate. If you believe your child may be at higher risk in the event of an outbreak and you have not previously communicated the reasons for this with school (eg: via medical forms) please contact us as soon as possible so that we can update our medical records accordingly.

School Trips

We are monitoring all school trips planned over the coming months and will make decisions on a case-by-case basis as to whether those trips can go ahead based on government and NHS guidance.

School performances

Planned performances will continue until there is updated official government notification regarding large gatherings.

Parents Evenings and School Information Evenings

Parents evenings and school information evenings will continue as planned until guidance from the DfE, NHS or government indicates otherwise.

What will happen to my child's education if the school is instructed to close?

We will do all that we can to keep the school open. The school will only close if we are advised to do so or if there is no alternative due to staffing. In that event, we will be in touch to communicate how your child can continue to access their learning.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Toom



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