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Dear Parents and Carers

The situation regarding COVID-19 is moving rapidly and, as a school, we are responding and ready to act on any directives issued.

Firstly, I'd like to reassure all parents of the measures we have already taken in school to ensure the welfare and safety of all the children and staff. For a number of weeks now we have been ensuring all the children are following all the required hygiene measures by washing their hands regularly and carefully. We have adequate soap supplies and dispensers are topped up daily.

Our cleaning staff are working very hard to ensure the school is disinfected every night and we will now be ensuring that basins are given a mid-day clean as well. The staff are ensuring that all hard surfaces are disinfected thoroughly.

If your child is displaying any of the symptoms – sore throat, a **new** dry cough and/or a high temperature, we ask that they stay at home for 14 days. Please let us know so that we can record their absence appropriately. Please follow the latest advice on the National Health Service, Public Health England and/or the Government website.

If your child is unable to attend school, we will supply work during this time. It will be emailed directly to parents. We are also aware that children and staff do get ill and are displaying other symptoms which are in no way linked to COVID-19. We ask that assumptions are not made about any child's absences. As a school community it is important that we work together and support each other.

In the event of the school being directed to close we will post work on the school website on a daily basis so that all the children can still access some of their learning at home and so that the staff can maintain contact with the children. We feel that this is very important. If however you think this may be problematic do let us know.

Our aim is to protect the children in every way and ensure that in school they are not fearful or anxious but are able to maintain some normality during the day at a really challenging time. We will of course keep you informed immediately if we hear of any changes.

We thank you for all your support at this time.

Yours

Mrs Sue Green Headteacher