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Dear Parents,

In the light of advice from government and Public Health England (PHE) we want to assure you that we are responding to Covid 19 in a sensible and measured way.

Current guidance is as follows:

If your child is showing signs of illness, specifically:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough,

then the advice from the NHS is to stay at home and self-isolate for 7 days.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Any absence due to this illness will be authorised. If your child is not ill, but is absent from school, the absence will not be authorised. We cannot make this decision for you, but advise you to phone 111 if you need any specific or further advice.

If you have think you might have the Covid-19 please go to <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

Current guidance for those needing to self-isolate can be found at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

You should:

- Try to keep at least 2 metres (3 steps) from other people in your home, particularly older people or those with long-term health conditions
- Ask friends and family and delivery services to deliver things like food shopping and medicines – but avoid contact with them
- Sleep alone if possible
- Regularly wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Try to stay away from older people and those with long-term health conditions
- Drink plenty of water and take everyday painkillers, such as paracetamol and ibuprofen, to help with your symptoms

Please remember, for self-isolation, you should not leave the house for the entire 7-day period.

As a school within a wide and varied community, we are aware of the need to consider the health and wellbeing of all. We will avoid non-essential visitors entering the building and as a result will not host Parent Meetings this week. Teachers will prepare a short progress report for all parents which will be distributed as soon as possible. If you have any urgent concerns you wish to discuss, please contact the school office and we will arrange for the class teacher to telephone. At other times of the day such as arrival at morning club, children will be greeted at the door and any communication can take place via the office.

We would also ask that you follow the other following precautions to promote good hygiene:

- All children bring their own water bottle each day.
- Children will be washing hands regularly at appropriate points throughout the day. If you would like to send your child in with hand sanitiser as an additional measure, then please ensure this is labelled with their name.
- All classes will have boxes of tissues available. These will be used and binned.
- Cleaning staff will empty these daily as well as cleaning and sanitising door handles etc.

As we lead up to the Easter break we will avoid events which bring larger numbers of people together than the usual day to day practice. Therefore, we will not hold Parent Assemblies or Family Friday sessions for the rest of this half term. The school disco will also be cancelled. Refunds will be available from the school office. We do appreciate some changes will be inconvenient to parents but we hope you understand the reasons behind the decisions.

Whilst we are doing our best to promote best practice we do want to reassure children as we are aware of the anxiety that has built around this illness. Conversations regarding the absence or illness of members of our community can be unhelpful, we will ask that everyone respects this.

We will continue to follow the advice for PHE and central government and will inform you of any changes as they occur. We appreciate your ongoing support. If you have any concerns or think that there are risks we have not considered, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your sincerely,



Mrs Jennie Müller
Headteacher