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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Coronavirus/ COVID-19 Update – 16th March

I am sure that you are all following the news closely and are aware of the new Coronavirus advice that came out on Friday.

Following updated government guidance, if any pupils or staff members develop the following symptoms, they must stay at home for seven days:-

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough

*Do not go (or take your child) to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.*

*You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.*

For most people, Coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection but if symptoms get worse or are no better after 7 days, contact NHS 111 online. <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/urgent-and-emergency-care/nhs-111/>

If you have no internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Stay at home guidance can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

**Please let the school know as soon as possible if your child is unwell using the following online form:**

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/SchoolBusinessManagerForms/PupilSicknessAbsence>

This link can also be accessed from our school website, click on '**About Us**' > '**School Organisation**' > '**Pupil Absence**'.

If anyone becomes ill during the school day they will need to go home and will be asked to remain at home for 7 days. **Please make sure that the school has up-to-date contact details for you and that you keep phones on so we can get in touch with you if necessary.**

We do not have any confirmed COVID-19 cases at school.

Like all schools we now have some staff and families who are in a position where they must self-isolate and follow "stay at home" guidance. We wish them well. Some children who fall into vulnerable groups are also choosing to self-isolate. I understand parents' concerns but reiterate that at present the school remains open.



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Public Health England and Department for Education current advice for schools in London is that staff and pupils should monitor themselves for symptoms and self-isolate if they experience symptoms. People who do not have symptoms are advised to carry on as normal and do not need to self-isolate.

We understand that parents are concerned about the risk of their children catching Coronavirus and that some may want to keep children at home even though they are not required to do so by the medical advice. All pupils who are well enough to come to school and who do not fall into the two categories described above, should attend school as normal.

We continue to follow the advice of the Department for Education and Public Health England in school. We are encouraging all children and staff to wash hands properly and regularly and we are taking extra care with cleaning. We will continue to follow advice and we will keep you informed of the situation and what we are doing about it.

The School has taken the decision to cancel all trips that use public transport or take children to an indoor confined space such as a swimming pool or a museum. All assemblies are cancelled and only essential meetings will take place.

The tradition of shaking hands to say goodbye at the end of the day is obviously suspended for the foreseeable future, and I would ask you to support us in understanding the importance of hand hygiene and emphasise this with your children. Any hand to hand contact is unfortunately a risk, so we will be seeking to minimise this for the time being. This is to reduce the risk to our staff and students, and so that staff capacity can be prioritised for the day to day running of lessons during school hours.

Please make sure you check the NHS and government websites daily:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

As always a sensible, calm and measured approach is the best way forward. Rest assured that the safety of pupils, staff and the school community remains our priority and we will keep you updated with any new information.

Yours sincerely



Ian Hyde  
**HEADTEACHER**