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Dear Parent/Carer

COVID -19 Virus Update and planned response

Over the next few days there will likely be many updates regarding procedures to help protect pupils, their families and staff from Coronavirus. We will continue to communicate (mainly through Class Dojo) and will update you as often as is appropriate. Please read these updates, as they are likely to change over time, in response to information received from Public Health England.

At present, the school will be open as normal. However, to help control the spread of the virus, children and staff who have the following symptoms are asked to self-isolate for 14 days.

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees or above) AND/OR
- A new, continuous cough

If someone in the household is showing these symptoms the current advice is that, the household will need to self-isolate for 14 days.

If children or staff develop these symptoms at school, we will isolate them and arrange for them to go home as soon as possible. We would appreciate you making someone available to collect your child if requested to do so.

In addition, those who are at increased risk of severe illness are advised to be particularly stringent in following **social distancing measures**. This group includes those who are:

- aged 70 or older (regardless of medical conditions)
- have an underlying health condition
- those who are pregnant

Further advice on protecting the vulnerable and social distancing is available through the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

We recognise that this is a confusing and difficult time for families. I respectfully ask all parents to follow the guidance above and also would like to reassure you that we are supportive of whatever decision you make in the best interests of your own circumstances.

We would also like to reassure you that we have plans in place to support families as much as we are able to in the event of school closures. We will let you know more information when we have it. **Please be aware that the information we get from Public Health is changing regularly. This letter may well be out of date by tomorrow.**

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All children in school today received a home learning pack. Please can you keep these somewhere safe at home until Home Learning Challenges are set via Class Dojo. A number of logins have been sent home for virtual platforms. Please contact tutors through Class Dojo if you have any questions.

Many thanks for your support



Emily Massey
Executive Principal