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Dear Parents,

I am writing with a brief update on the coronavirus (COVID-19).

At present, we are not aware of any cases in the School or in the local community.

All staff are aware of the symptoms, and are encouraging children to follow good hygiene practices. The UK Government may soon put new arrangements in place to help delay the spread of the coronavirus: we are developing contingency plans and should schools be affected we will be in touch with you if becomes necessary to implement them.

We know that some children may be worried about the coronavirus: each class has today discussed this, in an age appropriate way, to try to settle any concerned children, please reassure your child that we are monitoring the situation very closely and following all guidance from Public Health England.

In line with previous guidance, you can also help us by:

- Encouraging your child to wash their hands properly with soap and water several times a day. Hand washing is more effective than hand sanitiser, and should be the focus for your child.
- Encouraging your child to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or the crook of their elbow (not their bare hands) when they cough or sneeze, and to put used tissues in the bin immediately.
- **The advice on self-isolation has changed and the new advice is that, regardless of travel history, people should stay at home for seven days if they have either:**

a high temperature

a new continuous cough

Further information is available on <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/Self-isolating>

You may find the following resources useful:

You can use [this online NHS tool](#) if you think you may have symptoms, or think you may have been exposed to the virus while travelling.

The Department for Education has launched a helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents, carers and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

The situation is changing on a daily basis, and we will continue to keep in touch with further updates. We now have a Coronavirus tab on our website with information to help you.

Yours faithfully,

Clare Talbot
Headteacher