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Dear Parents/Carers,

I feel that it is appropriate given recent developments both nationally and locally to write to you about our approach to the international spread of the Coronavirus, Covid19.

We continue to follow all the appropriate guidelines from Public Health England and the guidance issued by the Department of Education with regard to how educational settings should handle the current situation. The guidance is updated daily and we will post these links on our school website so that parents always have easy access to the most up to date information available.

We do not currently have any cases of Covid19 within school and as such, we remain open as per the guidance and the risk to any pupils or staff is classed as low. We are conscious of the potential for the spread of the virus between pupils and as a result, we have taken the decision to suspend all inter-school activities such as sporting fixtures until after the Easter break. In addition, we would highlight the Government guidance issued on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, which is clear that pupils **must not** come into school for 7 days from the point at which they first show any sign of one or more of the following symptoms:

- a) Fever (temperature of 37.8 and above)
- b) Dry cough (new and continuous cough)
- c) Shortness of breath

If after 7 days these symptoms are still present or have worsened you should contact NHS 111 to seek advice. Please then notify the school about the action you have been asked to take.

Hygiene of everyone attending school is something we all need to remain mindful of. Our toilets are checked several times a day to ensure that there is adequate soap available for pupils to use and we would continue to encourage them to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly. The daily cleaning routine in the school ensures that high contact areas, such as door handles, are disinfected regularly.

We will inform all parents immediately if and when the situation changes. In the event of an enforced school closure, we will notify you at that time of how we will continue to ensure pupils are working on appropriate material and being supported by staff. Staff are currently preparing work packs that each child will be able to take home.

In the event the school closes, teachers will be communicating through Seesaw (YR Tapestry) and I will be communicating through ParentMail. It is essential that parents have access to these. If you already have access to these forms of communication, it is important you switch on notifications. If you are unable to access any of these, you need to ask for logins as soon as possible in the event of any closures.

If you live in a location where your child would be unable to access the internet, please can you inform us as soon as possible, so that we include that information in our ongoing planning should a school closure be enacted by the authorities.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs. S Ross  
Headteacher

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March- A tester email will be sent out to all parents, if you do not receive this email, please send in your email address and we will check this against the email we have on the system.