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RE: The school's infection control measures

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am contacting you following the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK and abroad.

I would like to take this opportunity to outline the preventative measures the school has already put in place in order to minimise the risk of spread of infection.

As per the advice from the Government, the school has taken the following actions for infection control:

- In the morning please drop your child at the school gates and they will go straight to classrooms as per usual wet weather arrangements. Parents will not be allowed on site, to mitigate risk to pupils and staff.
- Putting up coronavirus infection control measures information posters around the school.
- Encouraging good hygiene by promoting the importance of handwashing for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap in the following circumstances:
 - Before leaving home
 - On arrival at school
 - After using the toilet
 - After breaks and sporting activities
 - Before food preparation
 - Before eating any food, including snacks
 - Before leaving school
- Installing alcohol-based hand sanitiser dispensers throughout the school.
- Ensuring pupils and staff understand that they must cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Ensuring frequently touched objects and surfaces are cleaned and disinfected more regularly than usual.

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- Isolating any unwell people in a separate room and asking parents to collect if high temperature.
- Advising people who have returned from any category 1 specified countries/areas in the last 14 days to self-isolate for 14 days before they return to school.
- Advising people who have returned from category 2 specified countries/areas in the last 14 days to stay at home if they develop symptoms – the full list of category 1 and category 2 countries can be found on the Government website.

As an important part of our school community, I would ask that you encourage good infection control practices, such as thorough handwashing, at home and keep your child informed about the things they can do to discourage the spread of infection.

Unless your child has tested positive for the coronavirus (and hasn't been exposed to anyone with the virus), they should attend school as usual (unless they are too unwell due to an unrelated illness), as per the current Government advice.

If you think your child may have been exposed to anyone with coronavirus or has been identified as having coronavirus, please contact the school on 01386 554196 immediately.

We would like to reiterate that these are only preventative measures, in place as a precautionary measure to help minimise the risk of any occurrences of coronavirus within the school.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and follow DfE guidelines and advice at all times.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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