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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to tell you about our ongoing actions around managing the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Please be reassured that we are following the daily advice received from the Department for Education and Public Health England. Currently the advice is to ensure that all children and staff wash their hands regularly with soap and water. **Staff are supervising all children in thorough handwashing at key points in the school day.**

At present time, Public Health England advice is that schools should remain open. In the event of this advice changing at any point, you will be informed. In the meantime, children are expected to be in school.

If your child presents as unwell with the following symptoms:

- A new, continuous cough
- High Temperature

Please follow Public Health England's guidance and contact NHS 111 using the online portal, who will advise you of the next steps.

In the event of schools being told to close, we will post activities for children to complete at home, to continue their learning. These will be posted via the school mobile app and website.

Please help us by making sure children are washing their hands thoroughly before leaving to come to school and after arriving home.

If you are concerned or would like further information about the coronavirus outbreak, please see the links below:

- **NHS Website** - For all the latest information about Coronavirus please visit: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.
- **Department for Education Coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687**
This helpline has been set up to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline.
Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)
Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk
- **Public Health England** website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Yours sincerely

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