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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus update - 17th March 2020

The Prime Minister's statement yesterday evening showed that we are continuing to face an unprecedented and fast-moving situation in relation to the coronavirus pandemic. We appreciate that some of you may be worried about sending your children to school.

The current government position is that all schools will remain open and we continue to follow advice from Public Health England which is updated on a daily basis. We are reminding children frequently about the measures they need to take to reduce the risk of spreading any infection including:

- Washing hands more often than usual with soap and water for 20 seconds;
- Covering mouth and nose with disposable tissues when coughing or sneezing. If tissues are not available then sneeze into the crook of the elbow. Dispose of tissues into a disposable rubbish bag and immediately wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.

We continue to monitor the situation as it changes and will provide further advice as necessary and, in particular, if a decision is taken by the government to close schools. Should the government decide to close schools, plans are being made to enable pupils to continue their learning at home. We will follow government advice, if this is provided, to support families who may be vulnerable, particularly in relation to free school meals.

In the meantime, it has been necessary to make changes to teaching arrangements to accommodate staff and pupil absence at very short notice. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to maintain continuity of learning under extremely difficult circumstances.

Your patience and understanding are very much appreciated during this challenging period of uncertainty.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. E. Wray
Associate Headteacher