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Dear Parents and Carers

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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 that the school has put in place in order to minimise the spread of infection in the event of an outbreak within the school.

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

- ✚ 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 eating any food or snacks;
 - before leaving school; and on arriving home
- ✚ Ensuring that anti-bacterial soap dispensers are available in every classroom and in toilets 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
- ✚ Calling NHS 111 if someone becomes unwell and isolating any unwell people in a separate room
- ✚ Advising people who have returned from 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 keeping your child informed about the things they can do to discourage the spread of infection. As per the current government advice, 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). If you think your child may have been exposed to or has coronavirus, please call NHS 111 for advice and then contact the school office at the earliest opportunity.

We would like to reiterate that these are only preventative measures, in place to anticipate any occurrences of coronavirus within the school. We will of course update you at the earliest opportunity if there is any change to the local or national guidance.

Kind regards

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Head of School