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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 Precautions Update

I wrote to you on Friday informing you that following the latest government advice, school will remain open for the foreseeable future. This advice remains in place. However, in order to slow the spread of the virus and protect the vulnerable and elderly in our communities revised guidance was issued by the government yesterday. The following new procedures will be in place with immediate effect:

- If **anyone in your household** has a temperature, new persistent cough, or any other symptoms listed on the government advice website, you must **self isolate for fourteen days**. This means that no one in your immediate household must attempt to enter the school grounds or premises, or any other public place, even if they appear well.
- If **your child is currently off with a temperature, new persistent cough, or any other symptoms listed on the government advice website, your immediate household should follow government advice, which is currently to self isolate for fourteen days. Please do not send your ill child or their well siblings to school for fourteen days.**

We appreciate that these new measures may cause some inconvenience to families, but we have no alternative other than to follow government advice and take every precaution to safeguard our children, staff and greater school community.

If your child has other symptoms please contact your GP for advice or ring NHS 111.

To help prevent the spread of infection the government recommends:

- Regularly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available. It is particularly important to wash your hands after being outside, being in public areas handling money/payment card machines, before touching your face, after coughing/sneezing/blowing your nose and before eating
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue (or into the fold of your arm if you do not have a tissue) then throw the tissue in a bin and wash or sanitise your hands
- Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

A new helpline has been launched to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows;

- Phone: 0800 046 8687 Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)
- Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk
- Website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> (this site is updated at 2pm each day)

As we have previously said, this is an ever changing situation and government advice could change at any time, therefore we recommend you keep yourselves up to date by visiting the government website.

Please remember, these measures are based on the governments scientific research with the aim to slow the infection rate and protect the vulnerable in our community, and by following current government advice we will achieve this more quickly.

Yours sincerely,

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