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Dear Parents / Carers

This letter provides a further update on the planning happening within the school around Coronavirus.

Actions we are currently taking

- Within school we are talking to pupils about the importance of washing our hands and of good hygiene.
- Handwashing has increased across the school for pupils and staff. Pupils are being supported to wash their hands throughout the day.
- Soap (both liquid soap and bars of soap) are available in toilets, hand sanitiser is available in classrooms, and tissues are available throughout the school. Children are welcome to bring their own hand sanitiser to school however this should not be shared with others due to allergies and possible skin irritations.
- Additional cleaning is carried out throughout the day.
- We are doing a daily check of any government updates for schools and we are following guidance from Public Health England and / or the Department for Education.

Contingency planning should the school need to close:

- We will follow advice from Public Health England on whether to close the school.
- Parents will be informed of a school closure via email, the school Facebook Page and the website. We will also send a text message to parents as long as we are able to access school.
- Work is being planned to enable pupils to continue learning should the school need to shut. Work can be accessed via its learning, see separate sheet.

School Trips

We are keeping under review any planned trips and will provide updates if and when there are any changes.

Well-being

We understand this can be a worrying time for pupils and parents and we would like to share the following advice:

- Please do keep to the facts of the situation by using reliable sources for information. This link is helpful <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- Please do keep children away from the social media coverage and news which can cause worry and panic
- Please do check that the information is accurate before posting on social media

This is an unprecedented situation for all of us and we will do our very best to react and pre-empt situations as they arise and keep you updated. Thank you for your ongoing support for the school and wider community.

Warm Regards

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