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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The School is following the advice of Public Health England (PHE) and the Local Authority to ensure that everything that can be done is being done to protect the health of students, staff and visitors. The School receives the latest advice and guidance from the Department for Education, and updates and responds appropriately to any recommendations. The current advice to schools is that we should continue to actively support the campaign to promote good hygiene but should not be unduly worried about the possibility of our students catching the Coronavirus.

At this time, no-one at our school has presented with any symptoms and there is no reason why your child should not continue to attend school.

The School advises all parents to regularly review the latest government public information at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>.

The Department for Education has launched a new helpline [available Monday to Friday, 08:00 – 18:00] to answer questions about the Coronavirus in schools. You can contact this helpline by: Phone: 0800 046 8687 or Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk.

If you think you have symptoms of the Coronavirus, you should call NHS 111 for advice or 999 if it is an emergency. Do **NOT** go directly to your GP or other healthcare providers. The NHS Coronavirus public information notice has been placed in all public areas of the School.

The School will continue to reinforce with students to “*catch it, bin it, kill it*” as well as promoting good hand hygiene through Assemblies and PSHE lessons.

We will continue to follow official advice and keep you advised of any further developments.

Yours faithfully

Mike O'Hagan
Deputy Headteacher

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