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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to help keep you informed on some key school matters and in particular to provide you with a further update relating to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation.

Whilst there are no cases of COVID-19 reported within our school community, it is important to recognise that the virus is highly contagious and we are therefore continuously monitoring the most recent advice and guidelines in relation to this.

We recognise that the number of cases reported nationally is increasing significantly by the day and as a result, have provided our students with the advice and guidelines appropriate to help reduce the risk of spreading any infection. This includes the frequent and sustained washing of hands, to avoid touching your face, mouth / eyes, to catch it – bin it in relation to coughs and sneezes and to avoid contact with anyone who is demonstrating any symptoms. We have stopped any trips and visits at present and this will remain in place for the foreseeable future. The same applies to staff within the school where a number of scheduled meetings and events in London have been cancelled.

I believe that we are taking every precaution and managing the risks appropriately. However, it would be appreciated if you could reinforce the same advice at home. If your child does display any of the symptoms then I would continue to encourage that you keep them off school and seek further advice.

In addition, the Department for Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

The advice from the Department for Education is clear at present where it states that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case, unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The best way to tackle the challenge posed by Coronavirus is by following public health authorities' advice, for example on hand washing and reducing the impact and spread of misinformation by relying only on information from trusted sources, such as that on <http://www.nhs.uk> and <https://www.gov.uk/>

Kind regards

Mr Rowlands
Headteacher