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Dear Parents/Carers

### COVID-19 Update

Further to my update this morning, I felt it was important to provide you all a more detailed overview of what actions we are taking in line with the Governments recent guidance.

### Focussing on the importance of handwashing and good hygiene practices

The core advice we are sharing with pupils and staff is as follows:

- **washing hands often** - with soap and water or use alcohol sanitiser only if handwashing facilities are not available.
- **covering their cough or sneeze with a tissue**, then throwing the tissue in a bin.
- if they feel unwell, they should stay at home and not attend school.

### Risk assessments

For all trips, activities and visitors, we have set specific risk assessments to complete which we will continually review in the lead up to the event. All trips will be evaluated on an individual basis

### Pupils in school

New messages today from the Government and Public Health England **advise that any person with a new continuous cough or high temperature should self-isolate for 7 days.** Therefore, if a child presents these symptoms at school we will follow the COVID-19 guidance.

### Home learning

In the event that the school is advised to close to pupils (for either a short or an extended period of time), we are getting ready to continue to provide an education to our pupils. Our staff have been prepared to continue teaching through different methods of home learning, but this will be different for each year group. Further guidelines on this will be provided but in the first instance examples of home learning will be in the form of:

- home learning packs with age appropriate study books, printed worksheets, useful web links and activities
- links shared on our school app or via email



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**Keep in contact with us**

Thank you to all parents who are keeping in contact with us with any queries. We are continuing to review guidance on a daily basis to do all we can to make the school a safe environment for all.

To support us with this, can we ask all parents to:

- Make the school aware of any travel plans in the coming months.
- Keep the school up-to-date with any changes to your child's health.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any further queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Mr M Cooper  
Headteacher



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