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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus

Following a few queries from parents about coronavirus, I'd like to reassure you that we do not currently have any cases of the virus in school.

We are sent regular updates from the government regarding actions school should take to minimise any risks posed by the coronavirus. Presently, the likelihood of anybody being exposed to the virus in the UK is extremely low. However, it is important school follows recommended procedures to minimise the risk of any outbreaks. Please see the attached poster at the end of this update for further information – please do inform the school office if you have travelled back from any of the affected areas.

Following government advice, we will ask children to either wash their hands, or use a hand gel, several times during the school day. Whilst handwashing is preferable, it is impossible for all children to wash their hands at the same time (eg. after breaks, before and after dinner) and so we have to use the gels. Please do let your child's teacher know if this presents any issues.

Following advice, children will have been taught about the importance of good hygiene, and how to minimise chances of infection when coughing and sneezing. If necessary, please reassure your child that such measures are only in place as a precaution, and is good practice at all times.

If anything changes within school, we will let you know.

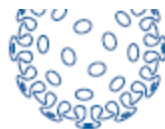
Yours sincerely,

Miss C. Godfrey

Head Teacher



Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



SCHOOL
ETC.
On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share
items such as bedding,
dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See NHS.UK for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

