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Dear Parents/Carers

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I am writing to explain the measures that we are taking to help contain and delay the spread of the Covid-19 Virus and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

At the moment, the advice to all schools is to remain open and if you have any concerns about your child's health, particularly if they have underlying health conditions, we would expect that you would make a decision about school attendance. Absences under these circumstances, will be authorised.

We are receiving daily updates from the DfE, and, also regularly contacting Public Health England for advice and guidance. If the DfE or Public Health England instruct us to close the school, we will ensure that parents have as much notice as possible. We will also ensure that children remain safe and supervised until they are safely back in your care.

We will provide as much information as we can regarding closure and re-opening of school, using the text and email services. We will also post information on the school website, under the 'Coronavirus – Latest Information' tab.

We will provide, where possible, details of online learning materials to help pupils to continue their education. Again, any information will be sent by email/text and posted on the school website.

The Prime Minister has announced a new measure to combat the spread of the virus. We will need your personal engagement to ensure this is implemented:

Any child/adult with:

1. New continuous and persistent cough
2. Fever or sustained high temperature (37.8 degrees or above)

Must self-isolate for 14 days if living with other people (7 days isolation is for people living alone)

Please keep children as isolated as possible if they, or any family member, exhibit either of the above. Please refer to the 111 guidelines at this website: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19> Although such absences will be authorised, please report the absence in the usual way by contacting the school office.

If children display these symptoms whilst in school, you will be contacted immediately and asked to take them home (with their siblings) to help us to manage the situation as effectively as possible.

Thank you for your continued support concerning this situation.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Watson
Headteacher