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Dear Parents and Carers,

## RE: Coronavirus concerns

Many are aware of the outbreak of coronavirus and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK.

There is currently no cause for concern at our schools, but we will keep you informed about any developments and ensure we are keeping our school clean to prevent the spread of any virus. The Department for education send us daily updates and we are taking guidance from Lewisham Local authority. There are currently no plans for school closures. Should this change we will plan to support the children with home learning materials.

In the interim we will limit the number of educational visits and social gatherings, all visits requiring the public transport have been postponed. This is because we cannot guarantee access to soap and water frequently enough for handwashing.

Parents' Evening appointments have been cancelled. We will send out the reports to you and reschedule these in the summer term.

The children will also not be attending their weekly swimming lessons. The RGSA will postpone the Spring Disco. If you have already purchased a ticket it will be refunded. This is a preventative measure until further notice.

We take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing guidance from Public Health England on steps you should be taking. The Government strategy is to lessen the peak of outbreaks and spread the outbreak over a longer period of time.

The children have already had class news about the virus. Next Monday's assembly will now be devoted to Covid-19 and remind children that as much as possible to play non-contact games, and the importance of handwashing. We will also answer questions and reassure children who may be anxious about what they are hearing on the news.

Every child will wash their hands as they come into class in the morning, as they come in after break time and then again after lunch. We have plenty of supplies of soap and toilet paper in the school.





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## Advice to prevent the spread of infection

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

Lastly the Government has published guidance for schools and other educational settings in providing advice for pupils, students, staff and parents about the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

The following link will take you to that advice: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Thank you for your support and cooperation during this time.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Williams  
**Headteacher**

