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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus/ COVID-19 Update – 16th March

Following updated government guidance, if any pupils or staff members develop symptoms, as listed below, they must stay at home for seven days:-

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough

Do not go (or take your child) to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Stay at home guidance can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

For most people, Coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection.

Please let the school know as soon as possible if your child is unwell.

If anyone becomes ill during the school day they will also be sent home and asked to remain at home for 7 days. The absence will be marked as an illness and will not affect your child's overall attendance. **Please make sure that the school has up-to-date contact details for you and that you keep phones on so we can get in touch with you if necessary.**

Public Health England and Department for Education current advice for schools in London is that staff and pupils should monitor themselves for symptoms and self-isolate if they experience symptoms. People who do not have symptoms are advised to carry on as normal and do not need to self-isolate. We understand that parents are concerned about the risk of their children catching Coronavirus and that some may wish to keep children at home even though they have not had any medical advice to do so. All children who are well enough to come to school and who do not fall into the two categories described above, should attend school as normal.

We continue to follow the advice of the Department for Education and Public Health England in school. We are encouraging all children and staff to wash hands properly and regularly and we are taking extra care with cleaning. We will continue to follow advice and we will keep you informed of the situation and what we are doing about it.





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The School have taken the decision to cancel weekly swimming sessions, social gatherings and external trips. This is to reduce the risk to our staff and students, and so that staff capacity can be prioritised for the day to day running of lessons during school hours.

I would urge you to check the NHS and government websites daily:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

Rest assured that the safety of pupils, staff and the school community remains our priority.

Yours faithfully

Mrs. L. Williams
Headteacher

