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Dear Parent

I am writing to update you on our ongoing contingency plans regarding the Coronavirus. Practically, we are ensuring that there is plenty of soap in all toilets and classrooms and we are reminding children to wash their hands regularly. All classrooms have tissues and we are encouraging children to use them and dispose of them correctly.

All schools receive daily updates from the Department for Education, which ensures we are fully aware of the latest advice being given to educational establishments. We are also in regular contact with the local authority, who again advise us of any updated information.

Where external visits have been planned, including residential visits, we are considering each on an individual basis and are liaising with each venue/provider, and our academy trust, to assess each situation. At present, no visit has been cancelled.

As the country has moved into the 'delay' stage of the government strategy, I would urge that you follow government guidance. If your child has a temperature or a new persistent cough, please ensure that they stay at home for seven days.

At present in school, it is business as usual. However, as part of our contingency planning, we have to prepare for every eventuality, which might include having to close the academy for a period of time. As the situation is changing at a rapid rate on a daily basis, we are also aware that we may have to close the academy at very short notice. This could be a directive from the national government or could be because of a localised issue. All staff, therefore, are currently involved in ensuring we can support the children with their education at home, in the event that we do have to close.

- All students have their homework menu to complete, which can be found on the school website.
- All students have log in details to Bug Club and Grammar Bug, our online reading scheme. Over the next few days, staff will ensure that children are able to log on successfully.
- Year 6 children have access to Prodigy Maths, an online Maths platform. Again, staff will ensure that they are able to log on.
- Additional work and links to websites will be placed on the school blogs throughout the closure.

Whilst we can never replicate the education children receive in the classroom, we want to ensure that we can do everything we can to support their learning whilst at home. All staff have access to our computer system from home, and will be working from home preparing resources for your child to access.

If we do need to close at some point in the future, we will keep our website updated regularly, including informing you when the academy will be re-opening. We will also ensure that this message is sent by text. Please ensure that we have your up to date contact details.

Can I thank you in advance for your support. Please be assured that any decision made will be in line with government guidelines and be taken in the best interests of all children and staff.

Yours faithfully

A. Willett

Principal