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Dear Parents/Carers

The health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, is our top priority and as such we are following, and closely monitoring, the advice from the government and NHS.

Up to date, we have taken the following measures:

- Whole school staff briefing on Coronavirus
- Hand washing posters displayed around school, to remind staff and pupils how to maintain good hygiene
- Additional hand sanitisers in strategic places
- Pupils have been involved in hygiene awareness lessons
- The Government's *Guidance in Educational Settings* posters are displayed in school

I would now like to share with you the latest advice that has been provided jointly by the Department for Education and Public Health England:

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline:

Yesterday, the Coronavirus action plan was launched. This document sets out what the UK as a whole has done to tackle the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and what it plans to do next.

The action plan can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

Today, we have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

The importance of hygiene

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages.

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Public Health England has a dedicated webpage with a range of posters and digital materials at: <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-/resources>

Sign up is quick, free and means you will be alerted as more resources are made available.

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

I hope that you find this information useful, however if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely



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