Dear Parents/Carers

As I’m sure you will appreciate, we are currently dealing with a complex and rapidly changing situation. My first priority will always be the health and safety of the pupils and staff in our school. Now more than ever, this remains our primary focus.

Already in school, we have been taking a number of measures to ensure the safety of children, staff and visitors in school. These include additional handwashing and cleaning routines, teaching of effective handwashing to children, consideration of vulnerable children and adults with medical conditions, cancelling trips and reducing contact situations (e.g. assemblies and events).

This is an entirely unprecedented situation and we are following official advice from the government and the NHS. This advice is updated on a daily basis and we are monitoring, and responding to that as it is published.

The latest Information is available via the Government website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

If you have any concerns you can call the DfE helpline Phone: 0800 046 8687 or Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk between 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

We will continue to provide regular updates regarding this situation and concerned parents should visit the NHS coronavirus webpage <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> in the first instance or phone NHS 111 and seek professional health advice.

We will only close the school if advised by Public Health England that we should do so or if the government announces blanket closures. However insufficient staffing levels due to illness may also necessitate closure.

In the meantime, we have a number of measures in place with regards to using technology and books which may be used to continue children’s learning in the event of a closure.

Whilst I appreciate that there will be a wide range of different views about how we should be responding and what action we should be taking, I hope you will appreciate that I am duty bound to follow the official advice from government. I understand how challenging and worrying the current situation is and thank you for your patience and support during this difficult period. It is our aim to stay open as a school to support our children and families for as long as possible.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs N Robinson