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Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to write to you following the national update to COVID-19 advice on 12th March 2020. The Chief Medical Officer provided new advice around self-isolation and Public Health England have updated their web pages so we would encourage you to review the updated information online: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

You must self-isolate at home for seven days if you have a recent onset of:

- High temperature and/or
- A new continuous cough

If staff or pupils have these symptoms then they should now take steps to stay at home and not leave their house for seven days from when their symptoms started. This will help to protect others in the community while they are infectious. Anyone displaying symptoms should not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. Please report absence in the normal way by calling the school office.

If you keep your child at home you do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them they are staying at home and Public Health England will not be testing people who are self-isolating with mild symptoms. If your child's symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, please contact NHS 111 Online at 111.nhs.uk.

If your child is in school and it becomes evident that they have a continuous cough and/or a high temperature, we will contact you immediately and ask for your child to be collected. We will do this not only for the health and wellbeing of your child, but also for the health and wellbeing of the school community.

You can view the guidance around self-isolation online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid19-infection>

Please be aware that we cannot reply to individual phone calls regarding this situation. We are receiving daily advice from the Department of Education and Public Health. We will continue to respond and act accordingly and keep everyone updated via our school communications.

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).

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Our school is taking a number of measures to ensure the safety of children, staff and visitors in school. These include additional handwashing and cleaning routines and teaching of effective handwashing to children.

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. This may happen at short notice but we will endeavour to contact you as quickly as possible.

We understand how challenging and worrying the current situation is and thank you for your patience and support during this difficult period.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Deborah Steen (Headteacher)

Ms Elaine Maher (Chair of Governors)