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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus Strategy

A coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China. Based on current evidence, novel coronavirus (COVID-19) presents with flu-like symptoms including a fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing. As of 11th March, 460 people have tested positive for the coronavirus in the UK with the risk to individuals now moderate.

School Actions

- We will follow the advice given by the government.
- We are asking parents to let us know if they have been abroad to one of the coronavirus regions and will follow government guidance.

Hygiene is key to prevent the spread of infection

- Throughout the school we are ensuring that children and adults are washing their hands thoroughly and often.
- All classrooms are equipped with sinks and soap dispensers, maintaining personal hygiene is the biggest preventative measure.
- All toilets are equipped with sinks and soap dispensers.
- Surfaces are cleaned regularly with disinfectant.
- Regular reminders about washing hands will be given to children in class and in assemblies.
- Regular reminders are given about not touching the face with hands.
- While trips are still going ahead, we are reviewing the government guidance and are reviewing on a daily basis and will act following recommendation.
- There is no evidence that face masks will protect against the spread of the virus and will not be worn by staff or children.



Absence

- When children are absent, we will enquire whether the child has flu like symptoms or come into contact with anyone who has travelled to category 1 or category 2 areas.
- We will advise parents to self-isolate if children present symptoms of coronavirus and advise according to government advice. Absence in this case will be authorised as ill.
- If a child presents with flu like symptoms at school we will ask parents whether they have travelled abroad and identify whether they have been in touch with anyone who has been in an infected area. If we find they have, we will follow government guidance.

Current Government Advice

Category 1 Countries:

Travellers should self-isolate, even if asymptomatic, and use the 111 online coronavirus service to find out what to do next. Go home and then self-isolate.

Category 1 countries are:

- Wuhan city and Hubei Province (China)
- Iran
- Daegu or Cheongdo (Republic of Korea)
- Italy*

*The guidance for Italy applies to travellers who returned from the country on or after 9 March 2020.

Category 2 Countries:

Travellers do not need to undertake any special measures, but if they develop symptoms they should self-isolate and call NHS 111.

Cambodia

China*

Hong Kong

Japan

Laos

Malaysia

Macau

Myanmar

Republic of Korea*

Singapore

Taiwan

Thailand

Vietnam

*Except areas of the country specifically referred to in Category 1

Yours sincerely,



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