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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Coronavirus Update

I am sure you are well aware of the daily news updates about the spread of the coronavirus and we would like to reassure you that we are taking every step in accordance with the advice of the DfE.

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A cough
- A high temperature
- Shortness of breath

However, these symptoms do not necessarily mean you have the illness. The symptoms are similar to other illnesses that are much more common, such as cold and flu.

If your child displays any of the above symptoms, we would ask that they remain at home until they have fully recovered and if necessary, you contact the NHS 111 online coronavirus service to find out what to do.

The advice that we have been giving our students is to:

Wash your hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds, and whenever you:

- Get home or into school
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food

It is important to use soap and water or a hand sanitiser.

Please could I ask that you also remind your son/daughter of these preventative measures. For further updates, please visit the following sites:

- <u>www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england</u>
- <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk</u>
- https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/
- <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public</u>

Yours faithfully

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