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## Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update

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.

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

This official advice will underpin all the actions we take. Whilst I appreciate that there will be a wide range of different views about how we should be responding and what action should be taken, I hope you will appreciate that I am duty bound to follow the official advice from government. That is, at present, that schools are to remain open and children are to attend, unless they are showing symptoms or are unwell in a different way, as is normal practice.

Already in school we have taken the following measures so far.

Hand washing is completed at;

- Arrival
- After break
- Before lunch
- At the end of lunch break
- We also remind children to do the same after they have sneezed, blown their nose or having visited the toilet. (This is part of the catch it, bin it, kill it campaign.)

We have hand sanitisers around the building, outside classrooms and the dinner hall which children are free to use at any time and are asked to use before lunch.

To prevent the spread of any infection, we have stopped all whole school acts of collective worship for the remainder of the term or until we are advised differently.

At lunchtime, from today, one adult will provide the children with their knife, fork and spoon, so there are not multiple hands being placed in the cutlery tray. As is normal, all tables are thoroughly wiped down during and at the end of each sitting and before the tables are put away.

Similarly, our cleaning contractors have brought in antiviral sprays that they are using daily on surfaces and door handles.

Our senior leaders have prepared packs of work for each year group, as well as online learning that we will send out to parents, should we be asked to close, and we will continue to be working and in contact if schools do close to provide updates and answer questions to support home learning activities. Further details on this will be given,



should we be told to shut but at present, whilst we remain open, all teaching and support staff are present in school and will continue to teach the sequences of lessons that we have planned and prepared as normal.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Jenny Ashley-Jones

Headteacher

