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Dear Parents,

**Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update**

These are unprecedented times and the challenges we all face will only increase in the coming weeks. There is much speculation and misinformation available, but at the heart of what every person wants is to know how we can keep ourselves, and the people around us, safe and healthy. This is why we are continuously reminding children of the importance of washing their hands regularly, using a tissue, covering their mouths when coughing and keeping themselves to themselves. However, children will be children and germs will inevitably be passed around.

We are in constant contact with our local authority, as well as the Department for Education. Government advice (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>) is that if any person who has either a high temperature or a new continuous cough should self-isolate for seven days. It does not mean they have coronavirus (COVID-19), it just means they are taking responsible and necessary precautions. Therefore, if any child or member of staff display these symptoms they will be sent home. If a child is ill, we will not be sending work home for them as the priority must be for them to get well as soon as possible.

In the interest of infection control, we would respectfully request if any member of your family are displaying symptoms (high temperature of over 37.8° or a new continuous cough) that they do not come onto the school site.

It may prove difficult to staff the school, although I am convinced that we will be able to cope with the experienced staff we have and the children's learning will not be disrupted.

If the Government decides to close schools due to COVID-19, we have already created a plan to ensure the children will have opportunities to consolidate their learning. More information will be given if schools are forced to close.

Families may find themselves having financial difficulties due to no fault of their own. We hold Food Bank vouchers in school so if you need one please come and speak to me in strictest confidence.

Please do not hesitate to come and see either Mrs Sandon-Webb or myself if you have any further concerns.

Yours sincerely

John Galvin  
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