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## Coronavirus (Covid – 19) – UPDATE – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent / Carers,

It has come to my attention over the weekend that Public Health England are investigating a potential case of Coronavirus in our school community. This case is currently unconfirmed, results will be available within the next 48 hours. **I have spoken directly to the Department for Education and the advice they have given is outlined below:**

If you or anyone in your family should **develop** any of the following symptoms:

- A new continuous cough
- fever – temperature of 37.8 degrees or above

please follow the medical advice, which is –

**'to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection' AND 'You do not need to call NHS 111 to stay at home. If your symptoms worsen during your stay at home period or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999'.**

As things stand we continue to follow advice from the **Director of Public Health** and the **Department for Education**. This is that schools should **not** be closed but should promote good hygiene through regular and thorough handwashing. All children will be instructed and supervised in washing their hands using soap and water at regular occasions across the day. In addition, all classrooms have plenty of tissues available for children to use should they cough or sneeze. The cleaning regime throughout school has been enhanced and a 'deep clean' is planned during the Easter break. Further information on these measures can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The Department for Education has also launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

**Phone:** 0800 0468687  
**Email:** [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

I understand that the situation may cause anxiety amongst many. I can assure we are taking all necessary steps to keep your children safe. This includes keeping you informed and updating you as quickly as possible when things change. We will continue to monitor the situation and update our response in line with government advice. We greatly appreciate your support and co operation during this time.

If you have any further questions, please use the links above or, if necessary, contact me at school.

Regards,



D. Smith

Dave Smith – Headteacher

