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Dear Parents and Carers

Amid growing concerns for public health regarding Coronavirus (COVID- 19), I am writing to families to assure you that school is following all the advice from the Government and Public Health England.

We are asking children to wash hands more frequently, including at breaks and lunch and after coughing or sneezing. We have enhanced our cleaning routine and staff are vigilant and proactive in helping children remember the advice.

We have daily correspondence from the Department of Education and Public Health England with advice for schools. This is available to everyone and can be accessed by parents here:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

At the moment, we have not been informed of any cases of our families in school displaying the symptoms which include a fever followed by a cough and shortness of breath/difficulties breathing.

I know that this is an anxious time. However, I would urge all parents, students and staff to remain calm, to follow the advice from Public Health England and to refrain from speculation. We will remain in close contact with Public Health England and the Local Authority and update you when necessary.

For the full advice and guidance for the COVID- 19 in Educational Settings, including advice on how individuals can protect themselves, please visit:-

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

Yours sincerely

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