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Dear Parents and Carers,

In response to the rising concerns regarding the Coronavirus COVID-19 we would like to reassure families that we are following NHS and government guidelines. We are in receipt of regular emails from the Department for Education and are acting on any advice given.

We will ensure that all children have access to soap. Children will be reminded to wash their hands after using the toilet and before eating etc. We are asking all parents if possible, to provide children with tissues and hand sanitiser. The school at present does not have the capacity to purchase the amount required through a single order.

The Government and the NHS is advising everyone to use some simple but effective precautions:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately

• Wash your hands with soap and water often (including before preparing and eating food, including snacks)

• Avoids touching your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

As you may well know, the Government announced on **Thursday 12th March 2020**, that anyone who has a temperature exceeding 37.8 degrees or develops a new or continuous cough **must** self-isolate for 7 days. Due to this intervention, we are planning for possible staff and pupil absence.

Staff and children are expected to attend school if they are not displaying the symptoms and our hope is to keep everything as normal as possible for the benefit of the children and their families. If as a parent you choose to self-isolate, then we ask that you make suitable arrangements to enable your children to attend school and are collected by someone else.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during this increasingly difficult time. Any further updates will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Aidan Edmunds

Headteacher