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Dear Parents and Carers

We continue to review the current situation with regards to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus across the country. Whilst we have had **no cases connected to the school** we are closely following the planning and advice from the Government and Public Health England which is updated on a daily basis. We also have our own risk assessment that all staff have access to.

We are planning for any potential disruption to school life so that we can best manage any turbulence over the next few weeks.

At this stage the advice is for schools to remain open and to operate as normal. Should the spread of the virus start to impact on the safe running of the school we will of course keep all parents informed of any action we need to take.

We are taking a number of measures to support with the 'delay' phase we are currently in. Children are being encouraged to wash their hands regularly and staff will have spent time teaching children how to do this following Public Health guidelines. We are asking all visitors to use hand sanitiser on arrival and are minimising visitors to school. We will be asking parents to sign in their children for Breakfast Club at the door which for some of you will be much more beneficial.

It is also essential that communication between home and school is a high priority and we will ensure that we keep you updated through our Parent App and also Teachers2parents (text). We will also use our school website and twitter as a means of communication.

Public Health England have published new advice for anyone with a new continuous cough or high temperature to stay at home for seven days. If your child has these symptoms, however mild, please keep them at home. This will help protect others in your community whilst they are infectious. Please plan ahead and ask others for help so that your child can stay at home.

Maintaining the education provision for all of our children is important but our priority is rightly around their health and well-being. I would like to thank you in advance for your support regarding this matter over the coming weeks.

Please remember in your prayers those who are currently affected and we pray as a school community that we all remain the best of health at this time.

Please stay safe and look after each other.

**Mr K Landrum
Headteacher**

