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Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to remind you about the government advice around coronavirus. As you know, I sent a letter before half-term and a reminder on Tuesday 25th March regarding the government website. As this is an evolving situation, everyone will need to keep-up-date, particularly if they have or intend to travel abroad. Use the link below to see the latest information.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI_Jb2IMDx5wIVyrTtCh3oIwF2EAAYASAAEgJIPvD_BwE

Information includes advice regarding travel relating to affected countries – please be aware that the lists may change, so it is important to check before travelling or returning from trips abroad.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>

As a school we continue to follow government advice and implement hygiene routines as per the previous letter – the only addition is that visitors to school are now asked to use a hand sanitiser on signing-in. All staff are well-informed and are working with children to remind them of the way to avoid the spread of infection – don't forget, this is good hygiene practice that applies to any germs and we ask all parents to reinforce this at home.

Government advice on preventing spread of infection

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus.

There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport ·
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See Catch it, Bin it, Kill it
- people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting
- pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:

- before leaving home
 - on arrival at school
 - after using the toilet
 - after breaks and sporting activities
 - before food preparation
 - before eating any food, including snacks
 - before leaving school
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- if you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment · see further information on the Public Health England Blog and the NHS UK website.

Should parents have concerns or want to discuss this issue please contact the school office and I will be happy to talk to you.

Yours faithfully

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