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Dear parent / guardian,

I am writing to you to reassure you of the steps being taken by our school in light of the Coronavirus. As in previous communication regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19), I can confirm we are following all Government, DFE and Public Health England advice in keeping school open whilst insisting on hand and respiratory hygiene.

The school is monitoring this guidance daily and I am working with and being supported by the Chair of Governors and Governing Body.

Events over the coming weeks and months might be subject to cancellation, postponement or change according to the advice at that moment in time. Please check text messages and emails regularly.

If any child is vulnerable for health reasons, please alert us to enable discussions and arrangements.

Signs and Symptoms

I am sure you are already aware of the signs and symptoms as follows:

- A high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – this means you have started coughing repeatedly

If your child or members of your family display any of these symptoms, please follow government advice, which states:

- Stay at home for 7 days
- Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital
- You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you are staying at home
- Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you are staying at home.
- Should we observe any of the symptoms in a child at school we will contact the child's parents/carers immediately and keep them safe in a separate room until they are collected.

We ask that you notify us if your child has a fever, persistent cough or flu like symptoms, and that your child is then self-isolated for seven days. It is important that we do this, both adults and



children, to protect more vulnerable members of our community. If a child shows symptoms whilst at school, we will try to remove them from the main body of the class until they are collected to reduce the likelihood of the spread of infection to others. The success of the measures outlined by the Government will rely on parents following the advice.

Should members of staff need to self-isolate in the coming weeks, we will follow Government and Local Authority advice. We will do everything within our power to cover classes and make arrangements to keep school open. Should school need to close due to large numbers of staff off, or forced school closures, we will follow our emergency plan to inform parents and carers, and ensure work is accessible through the website, email and home learning programmes. Staff are preparing materials for home learning for each class in the event of forced closure.

Should children entitled to Free School Meals have to self-isolate or be at home due to school closures, I am currently investigating how their meals will still be available to them, and will let you know as soon as possible.

Covid-19 is presenting all schools with an unprecedented challenge in terms of staffing, attendance, hygiene, and forward planning. Please help us by emphasising hygiene and keeping children off for 7 days if they are unwell to reduce the likelihood of spread to other pupils, staff and people they then come into contact with. If you yourself have to self-isolate, let's please communicate to support each other with the challenges that this brings.

Our faith is at the heart of our school and our community, so let's support one another sensibly in these challenging times. Self-isolate following Government advice, keep your eye on emails and the website, and keep your eye on the vulnerable.

Whilst these are challenging times, I have no doubt that our school community will pull together to do all we can to support one another.

Let's keep smiling, and keep doing what God wants us to do – protect the vulnerable and spread kindness and compassion safely to help us all through a difficult and unprecedented period.

As always I will be outside school before and after school should you wish to speak to me or have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Zoe Mabbott
Headteacher



Mr Mark Evans
Chair of Governors