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Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu'Alaikum

May I take this opportunity to reassure you that the school is continuing to follow the guidelines given by the Department for Education and Public Health England with regards to the Coronavirus infection.

As you may be aware, the Government is implementing a new 4 phase plan to help control and minimise the spread of the infection in the UK. They are currently on phase 1.

The current advice (taken from the government website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>) is to follow the guidelines below:

1. If you have been in contact with someone with coronavirus or have returned from an affected area (see government website above) identified by the Chief Medical Officer as high risk and you are feeling unwell with a cough, difficulty breathing or fever, stay at home and use the NHS 111 online <https://111.nhs.uk/coronavirus> service or call NHS 111.
2. Wash your hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds using soap and hot water, particularly after coughing, sneezing and blowing your nose, or after being in public areas where other people are doing so. Use hand sanitiser if that's all you have access to.
3. To reduce the spread of germs when you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, or your sleeve (not your hands) if you don't have a tissue, and throw the tissue away immediately. Then wash your hands or use a hand sanitising gel.
4. Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces using your regular cleaning products to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

At the current time and based on our understanding of what is known of COVID-19 and other similar respiratory viruses, it is likely that older people and those with chronic medical conditions may be vulnerable to severe disease. As more information emerges, recommendations may change.

The Government has no current plans to close schools or to ban events attracting large numbers or to restrict travel to countries that have no risk.

At this stage can I ask you to send your daughter/son to school as normal unless she/he becomes unwell, in which case take the necessary precautions listed above in the guidelines.

Wassalam

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