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‘Where Every Heart is Sacred’

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update

There are currently no known cases of coronavirus at the school. We continue to follow all the advice provided by the government.

- We are encouraging the children to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly.
- Staff have shown the children videos on how to wash their hands effectively.
- Children are encouraged to use tissues and throw them in the bin after use. Tissues are available at school.
- Personal water bottles will be sent home daily until further notice so that they can be washed. Please return them to school each morning. School water bottles will be disinfected in school daily.

Please see below the latest information/advice and helpline regarding COVID -19.

Government Coronavirus Action Plan

On Tuesday, the Coronavirus action plan was launched. This document sets out what the UK as a whole has done to tackle the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and what it plans to do next. The action plan can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

The Importance of Hygiene

The Department of Health and Social Care have launched a public information campaign that focuses on the importance of handwashing. Washing hands for 20 seconds is central to prevent and slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-information-campaign-focuses-on-handwashing>

Department for Education Coronavirus Helpline

A helpline has been launched to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Latest Department for Education information:

<https://twitter.com/educationgovuk>

<https://www.facebook.com/educationgovuk/>

I will update parents if the school is advised to take any different action and if the situation changes. Please note that we have a Coronavirus Update section on our website which will allow you to click to any of the relevant websites included in this letter.