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Dear Parents and Carers,

Ref: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We appreciate that there is a great deal of anxiety around the potential spread of Coronavirus in the UK. The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains low/moderate. However, we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China or other areas now affected.

We wanted to take this opportunity to reassure parents that we are taking all necessary precautions, and closely monitoring the situation. All staff have been briefed and arrangements put in place, both within the school and precautions to be taken when travelling. Staff returning from any area will follow the necessary government guidance. All our staff have been briefed in their duty of care to our colleagues and children, and take the risk of spread incredibly seriously. We will ensure that returning travellers are provided with the necessary support and guidance.

There is no reason why your children cannot continue to attend school as normal whilst we continue to monitor the ongoing situation, and urge you all to support us by adhering to the government guidance on travel, of which some key links have been provided below.

What we are doing:

- All staff have been briefed and are fully aware of travel restriction and their duty of care to all our children
- Hand hygiene has been reviewed and enforced in support of the latest government guidance on transmission prevention
- All staff returning from any affected area will be informed of their duty to self-isolate
- A daily review of the government guidance will be undertaken by the school and acted upon

How you can help:

The greatest support that you can offer is by being vigilant and that you are familiar with the latest government guidance on travel restrictions by following the below link.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

The Government guidance for education setting contains some practical guidance on preventing spread, which we would like to share with all parents / guardians.

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

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 they may have been exposed to the virus 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

We appreciate your support.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Aaron Wanford
Headteacher