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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19

Today, the Department for Education and Public Health England have issued updated guidance for education settings on COVID-19.

What you need to know:

- Staff and pupils should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, dry, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. You must self-isolate at home for seven days. If a child is 13 or under (or has underlying medical condition/s) is self-isolated, it is a requirement for the whole family to self-isolate.
- If staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home.
- Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using your standard cleaning products.

Where a pupil is in self-isolation, in accordance with latest information and advice from Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England, the pupil will be recorded as unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances in the attendance register.

The most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport.

Please find further guidance in our emergency procedures document which was issued last week.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation during these challenging and difficult times.

Yours sincerely

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Federation Headteacher

