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Coronavirus Update

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Dear Parents,

Guidelines regarding the coronavirus are changing as the situation develops.

The most recent guidance for school settings that everyone should follow, is that children **should stay at home** if they are unwell with a **new, continuous cough or a high temperature** to avoid spreading infection to others.

If children become unwell whilst in school with a **new, continuous cough or a high temperature** they will be sent home and advised to follow the [staying at home guidance](#) set out below:

- if you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill
- it is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period. See [ending isolation](#) section for more information

It is most important that you remain in contact with school during this period of time by phoning school each day. Should a child go on to test positive for Covid -19, we need to be informed.

Please ensure that school has the correct contact details for you.

Should your child be poorly with any other illness, please treat as you normally would and contact school on **each** day of absence.

Within school, the guidance remains the same. Children and staff will continue to wash hands as directed by the DfE and Public Health England. This is the most important way of keeping ourselves safe.

School remains open, at this time, for all children.

Should this change, you will be advised. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A G Toward

Headteacher

