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Dear Parents/ Carers

I just thought I would take the opportunity to keep you updated regarding the school's plan of action in relation to the Coronavirus.

At present, the directive is: the school is open for business as usual. It is anticipated, however, that in the coming weeks there are likely to be cases of the virus in school, or suspected cases at the very least. Staff and children are also likely to be off school in line with the government's advice on 'self-isolation'. If significant staff illness prevents the school from operating, there may be a need to temporarily close the school. If a scheduled closure is announced by the government or Local Authority, staff will organise 'home-learning' packs for children to complete, providing there is sufficient time to do so. Unfortunately, we do not have the technology to offer any form of remote-based learning.

Children in school are being encouraged to adopt good hygiene practices and I know this will be taking place and reinforced at home. I am very conscious of the potential impact of the media on the children's well-being; staff are therefore handling the issue with real sensitivity.

Please rest assured that the school continues to receive daily updates on government strategy. I will keep you posted on developments as they unfold. I know you will appreciate, too, that there could be a change of national strategy at very short notice. If the school does close at short notice, we will send out a text. Please do ensure that you are signed up for the school texting service.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Yours faithfully

Gary Price
Headteacher

