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Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to you with specific advice about the Coronavirus outbreak and would appreciate your careful attention to the contents of this letter and your ongoing support.

Information about the virus (taken from Government Guidance)

A coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China in January 2020. The incubation period of COVID-19 is between 2 to 14 days. This means that if a person remains well 14 days after contact with someone with confirmed coronavirus, they have not been infected.

The following symptoms may develop in the 14 days after exposure to someone who has COVID-19 infection:

- Cough
- difficulty in breathing
- fever

Generally, these infections can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease. **There is no evidence that children are more affected than other age groups – very few cases have been reported in children. However, the government are encouraging children to know the importance of personal hygiene. This is the most important way to tackle COVID-19 especially washing hands more and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.**

Government Guidance

Please be assured that we are following Government Guidance which is being updated regularly. This is attached here, should you be interested <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Finally

Please don't be concerned. Most coughs and colds are simply that; coughs and colds. If you are worried then you should call 111, but **please do not keep your child off school** if they have not developed the symptoms. If you have any further questions, please contact us, but medical advice should be sought from the NHS.

Yours faithfully

Mr N. Holder
Headteacher