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Dear Parents/Carers

Update on the Latest Information and Guidance Regarding the Coronavirus

I am writing to you in line with the most recent advice from the Department for Education to update you on the latest information and guidance relating to the coronavirus, 'COVID-19'. To be absolutely clear, this is not because of any specific issues or risks that we are facing as a school, but just to keep you up-to-date with current information we are receiving and the best practice we have been advised to follow.

With stories about the coronavirus being understandably so prominent in the news I am aware that some of you may have concerns, Public Health, 28.2.20 state the risk of infection within the UK is moderate. The Department for Education has therefore advised that there is no need for pupils, students or staff to avoid normal activities or educational settings unless they have had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Please also find attached the latest Government produced information sheet advising on how individuals can reduce their exposure to risk of coronavirus and I would encourage everyone to read this advice.

As a school we will continue to do all we can to minimise risks and ensure hygiene and cleanliness, just as we always do. As always, we will carefully follow the advice from the Foreign Office. We will continue to closely monitor this situation and will keep pupils and parents advised about any changes that take place.

We would ask that parents and carers advise us if any pupils or close family members have returned from a country or area classified as Category 1 or Category 2 by Public Health England. This list is updated regularly and you can check which areas currently fall into these categories through the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>.

If there are any changes to this information we will of course keep you advised.

Kind regards

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