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Dear Families

RE: COVID-19 update

As you're probably aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. We're getting in touch to let you know what we're doing considering this, and what we expect from all of you, to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

Some members of our school community have self-isolated as a precautionary measure, after they or someone in their family has experienced the symptoms of coronavirus. Furthermore, some staff members are absent as they are more vulnerable and have been advised to limit social contact.

We'd like to reassure you that at the Partnership we're taking all the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from Public Health England and the government

What's the current situation?

- The school remains open – this is the current official guidance we've been given
- All school functions continue to run as normal although due to lower numbers of staff and children some groups have been combined
- Pupils should attend unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they and their family members should remain at home for 14 days:
 - a new, continuous cough and/or
 - a temperature
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by calling the school to inform us. It is important that we are aware of all suspected or confirmed cases and likely length of absence
- We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation

What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- As advised, if a child or staff member becomes unwell at school they will be sent home and the areas they have been in will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
- We have already heightened the cleaning schedule and disinfecting of high contact areas is happening twice a day
- Staff continue to promote correct and regular hand-washing and hand sanitisers are available



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What we need you to do

- If you've recently **changed your contact details, please inform the school office as soon as possible via email or telephone**
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It's a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. BBC Newsround has regular updates for younger children and YoungMinds has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we'll contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)

What happens if the school has to close?

We'll only close if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school.

In either case, we'll:

- Display any information about closure or reopening on the school website
- In the event of any school closure we will use the EY Log to provide learning opportunities for children and their families
- Families can use the EY Log to share any learning with teachers and support staff

Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

If you have any questions

Please consult the:

- School office, Lorraine or Fiona
- NHS, if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use NHS 111 online if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's travel advice, if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

It's a tricky time and we know you're worried about the impact this might have on our community. It's important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

With very best wishes,

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