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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

Following the joint statement by the Prime Minister and Chief Medical and Scientific Advisers yesterday, you will be aware that the Government has moved into the 'delay' phase in relation to the Covid-19 outbreak.

Current Government advice is that **anyone with a new, continuous cough or high temperature should isolate themselves for seven days**. For the safety of our community, I would urge all parents/carers to follow this advice please.

As the Government has stressed, this is a new disease and no-one has any immunity to it. The Government's chief scientific adviser has explained that we are in the very early stages of the epidemic in the UK and that this is likely to spread widely.

I write to inform parents of the actions we intend to take, and may seek to take, as this situation develops.

We will continue to remind children of the need for good hand hygiene. Hand sanitisers have been installed and children will be washing their hands on arrival at school and throughout the day. Door handles will also be subject to additional cleans at lunchtimes.

There is the potential that as the advice from the Government is followed and families and individuals undertake a seven-day isolation as a result of fever or persistent cough, this could cause severe disruption to our service if/when staff and their families become unwell.

Our supervision levels, school meals provision, First Aid cover, cleaning regime and childcare could all be affected at different times and this may cause disruption to the operation of the school. If this should happen we will alert parents as soon as possible and advise parents of the actions they need to take. We would ask that parents and carers bear with us during what is predicted to be a challenging and uncertain time. We have added a special page to the school website to provide details of any actions that parents need to be aware of and will provide updates to this. We will also alert parents of any disruption via text and would remind parents to ensure that we have up to date contact details. This is particularly important if we have to send children home should they become ill during the course of the school day.



We recognise the essential childcare service that schools provide and we are keen to preserve this. We will therefore be contacting our DBS checked volunteers to ask whether they would be prepared to support us in maintaining our provision where we can.

Thank you for your understanding during this period,

John Rowe

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