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RE: CORONAVIRUS –SCHOOL ACTIONS

Dear families,

As announced by the Prime Minister, there will NOT be a blanket closure of schools at the moment due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) as I know that this is causing some families some anxieties, so thought we would take this opportunity to write to you all and ensure that everyone has the same information.

The current guidance from the government states that:

- Anyone with a new, continuous" cough or high temperature is advised to self-isolate for seven days.
- If you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for seven days from when your symptoms started.

This applies to staff and pupils and we would ask with your vigilance and cooperation with this. If your child is unwell or has a temperature, then the seven-day isolation period should be adhered to.

When the impact of the virus was first shared The Pines ensured that we followed the advice from the government, and took the following measures:

- Putting up coronavirus information posters around the school and hand washing posters in the bathrooms
- Continue to encourage good hygiene by promoting the importance of handwashing for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap
- Ensuring pupils and staff understand that they must cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away
- Ensuring frequently touched objects and surfaces are cleaned and disinfected more regularly than usual
- Cleaning contractors are ensuring surfaces are cleaned and disinfected as are door handles

If your child has a new, "continuous" cough or high temperature then they will need to self-isolate for 7 days at home. This will not affect their attendance record as it will be recorded as medical.

If you think your child or a close relative may have been exposed to or has coronavirus, please contact the school on number at the earliest opportunity.

See overleaf...



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We would like to reiterate that these are only preventative measures, in place to anticipate any occurrences of coronavirus within the school.

This is what we are being advised at the minute, and I receive daily updates from the DFE and the local authority. If anything does change we will ensure that this is communicated with you fully, by class dojo, text and on the school website. As far as reasonably possible we will also send letters out.

Thank you for your ongoing support, we appreciate how difficult this is and that there is a lot of media representations that are causing anxieties and concerns. In school we are taking a balanced approach to this and are aiming to keep the routines as close to normal as we can for our pupils.

Best wishes



Emma Pearce

Hand washing technique with soap and water



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