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To all Parents/Carers,

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### **Coronavirus Update #1**

You will have no doubt read and heard about the evolving situation regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Indeed, I have had a few parents speak to me on the gate in the morning about what could happen next from a school perspective and what the impact might be over the coming days and months.

With this in mind, we are following all the guidelines and directives we have been issued with from the Department for Education; that includes sending any relevant information to all parents/carers via parentmail. We are provided with daily updates from the DfE and this is set to continue.

The most important measure we have taken with the children, is of course, to reinforce the importance of good hygiene and why it is necessary to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. This is a message they receive regularly and I am sure it is being reinforced at home.

Aside from these measures, my biggest concern is the emotional impact this situation, now and in the future, could have on our children. Everywhere you look, everything you read and everything that is being spoken about can seem very frightening. For children, who may not be able to process things in the same way as adults, they could be inadvertently hearing things which may be distressing for them – not least on social media for some of our older children. It is our responsibility as a school to reassure children and minimise panic and fear for them so they can continue as normal.

**Thank you for your ongoing support and I will of course provide all parents and carers with updates should the situation change.** If you have any concerns and wish to speak to me regarding Coronavirus, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Kind regards,

Mr I. Johnson