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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Coronavirus

I'm sure like me, you have been awaiting the latest updates and news from the Government in relation to Coronavirus and particularly wondering what is going to happen with schools.

The DFE have been sending information daily to all schools and we are currently awaiting updated guidance from the DFE and the Local Authority following today's Government COBRA meeting about any further action which we as a school need to take in relation to the virus.

Our school does not have any children or staff with symptoms or confirmed cases of Coronavirus. I am attaching to this letter the information we received from the DFE in relation to the ongoing educational advice.

We are continuing to follow the advice given to educational establishments, which includes ensuring children are washing their hands effectively and regularly and that we are following the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. There have been a couple of children today in key stage 2 who have developed red rashes on the backs of their hands which we believe may be irritation from increased washing, or hand gels, which some children have brought in from home. Please check the contents of any gels or creams you are using on your children to prevent this from happening.

Our senior leadership team have met today and discussed plans for if our school needs to close, should we be instructed to do so by the DFE or Public Health England. If we had to close, we would provide some learning activities which your child could complete at home.

All updates and information will be circulated to you from the school via eSchools and the school website. Please ensure that if you have recently updated your email address or phone number you inform the office so that we know that we can communicate with you effectively should any closure occur.

If you have any gueries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L. Clarke

