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Dear Parents

**Coronavirus update:**

The government has moved to the 'delay' phase in managing the current virus pandemic.

At present, schools **WILL NOT** close unless directed to do so by Public Health England. Can all parents/carers ensure that their children wash their hands thoroughly before they come to school and we will ensure hands are washed regularly throughout the day. There is a link to a useful handwashing video and song below:

[https://youtu.be/S9VjeIWLnEg](https://youtu.be/S9VjeIWLnEg?fbclid=IwAR1dMcyClUlwncPNKBtcbOv3KpASL6TLSpqlIT7U-oncVDpDlCrwu8gKwNk)

The DfE has opened a helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

**The main messages are:**

If your child has symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19) such as a high temperature or new, continuous cough, however mild, they should stay at home for 7 days from when their symptoms started.

If symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

If you suspect a member of your family may have COVID-19 please inform the school so that we can take advice on how to proceed.

Thank you

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