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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will all be aware of the ongoing developments and media coverage about the coronavirus. I am writing to you to reinforce the current advice from Public Health England. The latest information can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

The DfE have also launched a Coronavirus 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](tel:08000468687)

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: [8am to 6pm\(Monday to Friday\)](#)

The current DfE advice remains clear that no school should close unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

Personal hygiene is the most important way to tackle COVID-19. Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages.

Do:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups, bottles etc.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Andre-Watson

Headteacher

