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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Coronavirus COVID-19 - as of 13<sup>th</sup> March at 9am

It is important to reassure and update you again on the school's position on COVID-19, or Coronavirus.

We continue to monitor and follow PHE and Hertfordshire council advice and our school currently operates as normal with all school activities and visits taking place in the usual way.

We have ensured that staff are appropriately informed, including all-important messages about good hygiene, hand-washing and use of tissues. Children and staff will continue to wash their hands at key points throughout the day.

As far as we are reasonably able to know and according to all advice, **the school does not have any cases of Coronavirus.**

If your child is unwell and has symptoms that concern you, you should call 111 to seek advice. The school is not in a position to diagnose children's illnesses. It is, of course, your decision if you choose not to send your child to school because he or she is unwell. If children are well they are expected to be in school.

It is possible that in the future schools will be told to close. In the event that we are instructed to close, you will be informed of arrangements at the soonest opportunity. I suggest that parents and carers consider plans for the care of their children should the school be closed. With this in mind we have prepared packs for every child in school with work for approximately 2 weeks which will be going home today. **To emphasise: we have not been told that a closure is going to happen; it is just important to think ahead.**

Below are links to the most reliable, non-sensationalised information about the Coronavirus from Public Health England. This is the advice we are following.

Updates on COVID-19: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The DfE's helpline for schools, staff, students, parents, carers can be accessed by phone or email:  
Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)  
Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

We will continue to follow Public Health England advice and will keep you informed of any implications for school as appropriate in as timely a way as we can. Our priorities are to ensure that our children and staff keep safe and well and to do all that we can to ensure we can continue to run our school as normal, keeping things in perspective.

Many thanks

Mrs Currant  
Headteacher