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Dear Parents

In accordance with national guidance, if your child is experiencing a **new persistent cough or high temperature**, please contact the school to notify us that your child will be absent and that you will be self-isolating them for 7 days. In this circumstance, there is no need to phone daily and report your child absent. If your child is absent with any other symptoms please follow the normal school procedure to notify us of their absence on a daily basis.

Learning at home – we are currently working with our CARE group of schools as how best to do this in a way that is accessible to all families with resources available at home. If your child is absent due to symptoms of fever, persistent cough and feeling unwell then we would obviously expect rest rather than attending to learning. If, however, a child is in isolation but not feeling symptoms or there is school closure (no closures are planned at this time) then a range of learning will be sent to all families.

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:
Phone: 0800 046 8687 Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

As I am sure you can appreciate, there are frequent updates to official guidelines changing daily. We will endeavour to keep you updated as we receive new information.

Keep reinforcing the washing hands rules to your children - The e-Bug project is led by Public Health England and has a dedicated webpage for learning resources on hand washing and respiratory hygiene.

Resources are currently available for KS1, KS2 and KS3 and can be used in various settings including schools:

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools>

Currently we have no specific concern about any pupil, family or staff member, but we will continue to monitor the situation carefully and update parents accordingly. We will obviously update you with any further information when we receive it from government.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

