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Dear parents and guardians

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

We will strive to forward up to date information to you regarding the health concern (COVID-19) <u>https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus</u>

You may also wish to note the Department for Education have a coronavirus helpline – please see information below:

Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is now 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 Email: <u>DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk</u> Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

By keeping in line with the guidance from Public Health England, we will continue to deliver sessions about effective hand washing and hygiene and would greatly appreciate it if you would reinforce this message at home. We have put the following measures in place:

- *Catch it, Kill it, Bin it* is the advice given by Public Health England and staff and students are being asked to follow this by catching a cough or a sneeze into a tissue and throwing it into a bin.
- Demonstrating to students how to wash their hands correctly and encouraging them to do so regularly.
- Ensuring hand sanitiser and tissues are widely available across the school.



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• Following daily advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England.

Regular handwashing and good personal hygiene, as always, is the best prevention to catching any flu or infectious illness. The current guidance is for everyone to wash their hands for 20 seconds or singing the song Happy Birthday twice to yourself while washing. I have attached the NHS guidance on washing hands for you to share with your children.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/

Yours sincerely

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