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Public Health England Updated Advice to Schools: Coronavirus

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you about the education, contingency planning and mitigation the school is undertaking in response to the increasing number of Coronavirus cases which have been confirmed nationally.

Since our return to school after half term all staff and students have received guidance on how to minimize the risk of infection through sensible hygiene measures and self-isolation where this is advised by Public Health England. The school has arranged for enhanced and more frequent cleaning of high use surfaces such as door handles. Posters and guidance on correct hand-washing have been prominently displayed throughout the school. The school has distributed facial tissues, sanitiser gel and extra liquid hand soap which are located throughout communal areas, dining facilities and lavatories.

At present the examination boards and the Joint Council for Qualifications are awaiting government advice on what to do if school closures are required. In the meantime, the school's contingency planning will ensure that in the event of school closure, work will be set for all classes by their class teacher on a lesson by lesson basis through our online homework platforms. Priority for marking and feedback will be given to examination groups. Should accessing our online platforms be difficult for your child at home, please would you contact me so that the school can make alternative arrangements for setting work.

Parents and carers who believe that their child is particularly vulnerable in the context of the Covid-19 virus should contact the school to speak to a member of the reception team so that medical records can be updated.

In the meantime, may I advise you to keep abreast of developments and advice issued by Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

Yours sincerely

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