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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

We are receiving a daily update of advice from Department for Education and from our own local authority and we are currently being advised that all schools are to remain open unless specifically instructed otherwise by Public Health England.

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands frequently and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes. Staff are constantly reinforcing this message to children.

We are fortunate in that we have recently stocked up on large supplies of soap and hand sanitiser. Classrooms are routinely stocked with tissues. Dispensers are being refilled throughout the day and children reminded to use them and to wash hands for 20 seconds (supported by the use of songs and rhymes).

Cleaners are being extra vigilant about cleaning down all surfaces, door handles etc. At this stage, we would request that children do not bring their own hand sanitisers for use in school, although we appreciate that you may wish to ensure these are used as you collect children to leave at the end of the day. We are still mindful of ensuring safety by making sure children do not have unsupervised access to items brought in by other children.

We recognise that this is an ever-changing situation and we will continue to respond to advice and instructions from Public Health England and the Department for Education.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Simons  
Headteacher

