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## COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Parents & Carers,

Yesterday, the government stepped up measures to contain the spread of coronavirus advising that anyone with a **new** continuous cough or temperature should now self-isolate for seven days. The advice does not suggest family members should also self-isolate so if one child has these symptoms, their brother or sister should be able to attend school as normal if they are not showing the same symptoms.

If a child has a temperature, it means they are fighting some kind of infection, so should not be at school in any case. Our medical policy is clear on this but it is obviously increasingly important that this guidance is followed at the moment and therefore, if your child has a **new** continuous cough or a temperature, they should self-isolate for seven days. **Please do not administer Calpol (or other pain killers) and send them to school.** This is putting the health of others at risk.

There has been no significant change to the guidance for schools, other than to cancel foreign trips. This obviously does not apply to us.

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

If you are unsure about the medical advice in your individual case, please refer to the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We are planning to go ahead with school activities as normal until we are advised otherwise. Parent Consultations will go ahead next week.

**The school will remain open unless we are directed otherwise.** We will, however, begin to make plans for how to provide home learning in that eventuality. It is important that we all do our best to ensure that our children's education is disrupted as little as possible.

Everyone should continue to promote good hand and respiratory hygiene:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze, then bin the tissue and wash your hands (or use a sanitiser gel).
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Please be aware that this is a rapidly changing situation and that whilst this advice is accurate at the time of writing it may change.

Yours Sincerely

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