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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus (Covid-19) update

The health and wellbeing of all of our pupils and staff remains our number one concern and we are continuing to strictly follow the advice from the DfE and Public Health England. The school is carefully monitoring any government updates relating to the current Coronavirus outbreak and will amend the advice given on the school website as information is received. Please take the time to read the advice yourself as it provides useful guidance that is relevant to all individuals and families.

School is hopeful that we will continue to remain open over the coming weeks and months however this may not be possible. School is carefully considering how it can best support pupils in their learning and plans have been put in place to do this should we be required to fully or partially close.

In the event of closure, teachers will post learning activities on the website for each class and children will be given a folder of work to be completed at home.

School has considered ways to reduce contact situations such as whole school worship. Parent and Visitor events have also been postponed including the Easter Fair and the planned 3P visit to Revidge Fold.

For now, the school remains open, but we will continue to keep you informed of any significant developments that may affect your child.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Morgan
Headteacher

Covid-19: Frequently Asked Questions – For Parent(s)/Carer(s)

How is the school keeping my child safe?

We are strictly following Public Health England guidance.

What do I do if my child is ill?

If you believe that your son or daughter may have any symptoms of COVID-19, you should keep them at home and call NHS111 or the Education Coronavirus helpline (0800 046 8687) for guidance.

What do I do if my child is told to self-isolate for 14 days?

Please contact the school so that we are aware and we will require evidence. School will do their best to continue to support learning if the school is forced to close, or if a student is directed to be absent from the school by a *medical professional*.

What do I do if my son or daughter has an underlying medical condition which may make them more vulnerable to the symptoms of the virus?

Contact your GP, NHS111 or the Education Coronavirus helpline (0800 046 8687) for specific guidance and please keep us informed of any important advice that has been received from medical professionals.

What will happen if the school has to close?

We will communicate directly with you about what is happening and what your son or daughter needs to do. We are developing a range of strategies for supporting our students' learning should the school be forced to close for any period of time.

What will happen if exams are disrupted?

Exam boards are working on contingency plans should this happen. Exam boards will take into account any unavoidable disruption.

How can I support my son or daughter?

- By seeking appropriate advice from your GP, NHS111 or the Education Coronavirus helpline (0800 046 8687)
- Encouraging them to properly follow handwashing and personal hygiene precautions
- Make sure we have the most up to date contact details for you and your son/daughter where appropriate