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Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

You will be aware of the extensive news coverage regarding the outbreak of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). We have been closely monitoring the situation as well as the government advice to ensure that we can, as far as possible, mitigate the effects of the spread of the virus.

Currently, the overall risk to individuals in the UK is described as “low”. In the UK, there have been around 6,800 tests undertaken and 13 positive cases have been identified. The overall risk to the UK (rather than individuals) has been moved to “moderate”, which enables the government to take action where appropriate.

The latest government information and advice, including travel advice, can be found at:

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

PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INFECTION

There are things everyone can do to help stop the spread of infection, including germs like COVID-19, and these basic reminders are for every member of the school community. I would be grateful if you would discuss these points with your son/ward and ensure they have their own tissues for personal use whilst at school.

- 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.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Students should wash their hands
 - before leaving home
 - on arrival at school
 - after using the toilet
 - after breaks and sporting activities
 - before food preparation
 - before eating any food, including snacks
 - before leaving school
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

We will continue to monitor the situation as events change and update our advice or take further action, if this is required. Any updates will be circulated on the [school website](#) and/or [Twitter feed](#).

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,



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