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Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware of the ever changing situation around the Covid-19 virus, and the measures that are being put in place to delay the spread.

We receive daily updates from the Department of Education, and for the past three weeks, it has been the same advice every day:

- Wash hands regularly.
- Cough into tissues and put these straight in the bin.
- Self-isolation for people returning from countries where the infection numbers have been high.

With the government putting the country into the delay phase, they are now encouraging anybody with a fever/high temperature and a new and persistent cough to stay at home. I am sure that as vigilant parents and carers you will be monitoring your children's health carefully and will make that decision to keep them at home if it arises.

The message from the government is for schools to remain open. Should this advice change then you will be informed through the usual communication methods of the School Comms App, the school website and Facebook site.

The Academy has put into place the following immediate measures:

- Frequent handwashing.
- Family Learning cancelled until further notice.
- Limit on internal whole school gatherings where possible (e.g. whole school assemblies).
- Lunchtime to be spread over a longer period to allow smaller groups in the dining hall.
- Limit the number of external visitors coming into school.
- External visits will be reviewed.

There is also a risk that if members of staff become infected by the spread of the virus, then we would have to consider if our child to staff ratios were appropriate to be kept open and keep the children safe. Again, should this happen, we will communicate this to you at the earliest available opportunity.

It is difficult to predict when or indeed if this will happen, and we will carry on as normal until that point. We are working as a staff to be prepared for this eventuality with plans such as work being uploaded onto the school website for children to carry out if the school closes. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> and NHS websites.

We thank you for your support at this time and we ask that as far as possible contact with the school is made by telephone or e-mail rather than in person.

Yours sincerely

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