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Coronavirus – Frequently Asked Questions

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school community, along with all others, is entering a time of uncertainty that could last for a long time. At present, we do not have all of the answers to all of the questions, and often the information is changing rapidly on a daily basis, however, we will attempt to answer some of your key concerns, which are coming up regularly.

- **If my child is coughing and/or has a temperature, should they stay off school?**
Yes, official guidance is that if anybody within your household develops a new consistent cough or a temperature (37.8C or above), self-isolate all members of the household for 14 days.
See government advice at www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance for further guidance and updates as this is subject to change.
- **If my child or another household member has underlying health issues such as lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, cancer or is pregnant, should we self-isolate as a precaution?**
Should you be concerned at all about the possible health implications for your children, or yourselves, due to underlying health issues, school fully understands your decision to self-isolate and you will not be penalised for non-attendance.
- **Why is my child's normal class teacher/TA not in school?**
We have taken precautionary measures in-line with the government's stance yesterday that members of staff with underlying health issues should not be in work as they are categorised as vulnerable. These members of staff are not displaying any symptoms of the virus; we are just being pro-active in protecting them and asking them to not come into school.
- **What will happen in the event of school closing?**
Should the government make the decision for schools to close, or partially close, you will be informed by letter (if announced during the school day) and by text message. We will also notify you through our website, and through our Twitter account. In the event of closure, staff have been instructed to create learning which will be accessible through our website. Details of this will be communicated should this happen.

At the time of writing, with regard to school closures, the position remains the same that the overall objective is for schools to remain open and the DFE has strongly stated that schools should only ever shut on advice from Public Health England. If this guidance changes, we will notify you immediately.

Best Wishes,

Mr J Sitch
Headteacher

