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Dear Parents,

Following my previous letter of Friday 28th February, I am writing again to you all with a further update about the advice we have received from the Department for Education (DfE) in relation to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

As many of you may be aware, there has now been a number of confirmed cases of coronavirus in Cumbria and as such, I wanted to take this opportunity to, not only reassure you but, also to provide you with an update on the health and safety measures we have in school to safeguard, as much as possible, every member of the school community.

- All staff are regularly briefed with the latest DfE guidance to ensure that high standards of personal hygiene are observed by everybody in school, including visitors.
- All teaching staff support their current teaching of personal hygiene through using specific DfE published resources relating to washing of hands including, for how long ie to the tune of 'Happy Birthday' sung twice or, for a count of 20 as well as, how to deal with coughs, colds and sneezes; all resources used are age-specific and suitable for children from Nursery to Year 6.
- All children are receiving information regarding good, personal hygiene habits which are modelled by all staff
- Tissues are available in all classrooms and throughout school for children and adults to use
- Large Hand sanitizers have been fitted in each classroom for all children and adults to use; additional hand sanitizers will be fitted over the next few days in other identified high-traffic areas
- Update posters are displayed in and around school for your parent information and attention
- School continues to work closely with our school cleaning providers to ensure high standards of school premises hygiene

Further to this, please find attached to this letter, information regarding the Coronavirus Helpline which has been set up by the DfE to answer COVID19 questions related to education.

- Department for Education coronavirus helpline: Phone 0800 046 8687
Open from 8.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday

Below is a link to the latest government advice for the public on coronavirus:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>.

There is also advice for educational settings:

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

As mentioned in previous letters, we do not wish to worry or cause any undue alarm for any of our parents or their families however, I hope that by sharing with you all the most up-to-date information and guidance, you can feel reassured and as well-informed as possible.

If you have any questions or wish to speak to me directly, please do not hesitate to get in touch and I will be more than happy to meet with you.

Kind regards

Gill Pett

Mrs Gill Pett
Headteacher