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Dear Parents and Carers

### Regarding: Coronavirus – COVID19

I am writing to update you on our response to the Coronavirus situation. I know that you will be concerned and I want to reassure you of the measures we are taking in school.

Any child or adult who has a new continuous cough and/or fever (no matter how mild) **MUST** stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms started; this action is to help protect others in our school and the wider community. If our staff observe that your child has a new continuous cough, the office will contact you so that you can collect them from school.

### What can you do?

There are steps that can be taken to help protect yourself/your child and prevent spreading the virus:

- **Wash your hands regularly** for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water. **Please tell your child** to wash their hands before leaving the house to come to school and when they arrive home from school.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue and throw away immediately or cough or sneeze into your elbow
- Avoid touching your face

- Stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible
- You do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact [NHS 111 online](#). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

### **What are we doing in school?**

In school, we are reminding children to wash their hands with soap and water:

- On arrival at school
- After using the toilet
- After breaks and sporting activities
- Before eating food
- Before leaving school to go home

In order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, school is also taking the following action:

- We have cancelled Miss Woods' Y5 swimming lessons with immediate effect – the children will have PE as normal. Please ensure they have their PE kit in school tomorrow
- We have cancelled all Nursery Stay and Play sessions
- We have cancelled all Whole School and Key Stage Assemblies
- We have cancelled the Y5 trip to the Fusilier Museum in Bury
- We have cancelled the Y3 Assembly to parents planned for Thursday 26/3/2020
- We have cancelled our music concerts to parents planned for Friday 27/3/2020
- We have cancelled the Family Easter Bingo planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 and, consequently, our “non-uniform day for an egg” planned for Friday 20/3/2020.

Current government advice remains in place regarding school closures: no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health.

The Chief Medical Officer has advised that the impact of closing schools on both children's education and on the workforce will be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to schools will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.

We will continue to keep you updated on the situation via the ParentApp.

Thank you for your support during this time.

Yours sincerely

Mr J L Pridden  
Headteacher

