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Be the best you can be

I can do all things through God who strengthens me.

Philippians 4: 13

Every voice heard, every day a new chance, everyone exploring opportunities

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware the Government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus both in our country and abroad. As a school we take our advice from the DfE (Department for Education) and Public Health England. Current advice is that parents should not be unduly worried and that children should continue to attend school as normal.

We are being informed of the importance of personal hygiene and with this in mind we have spoken to the children about simple and effective hand hygiene messages. The link below gives advice and examples of what we can all do to try and minimise the spread of the virus.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/86677/1/Coronavirus_advice_for_education_settings_poster.pdf

We realise that is a potentially worrying time for parents and you may have many questions. The school website has up to date information about the virus and below are links to the latest advice from the DfE/NHS guidance:

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

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

In addition, to this the DfE have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

As a school we will continue to closely monitor the developments and act on any advice issued to us by the DfE. In the meantime, if you have got any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Ms J Watson

