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Dear Parent/ Carer,

At St. Bernadette's we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously. As you will be aware, the situation relating to the COVID-19 virus, otherwise known as Coronavirus, is changing all the time and new information is being issued by the government frequently. The most up-to-date information can be found by following this link: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

As a school, we are following all government advice as appropriate and are doing everything possible to keep our pupils and staff safe. We already have robust systems in place with regard to good personal hygiene and are reminding pupils how to prevent spreading germs.

Preventing the Spread of Infection

General principles to follow to prevent spreading of the respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often, with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you have a new cough or a temperature over 37.8, stay at home and don't attend work or school and follow the self isolation advice
- Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue and dispose of the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your or your child's symptoms, please call NHS 111. Don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

I appreciate there is growing concern as cases become more frequent in the UK. As the situation is changing on a daily basis, we will be monitoring the situation and following advice from Public Health England. We will notify parent/carer by email if any change to our provision is required.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes

Mrs B A McLaughlin