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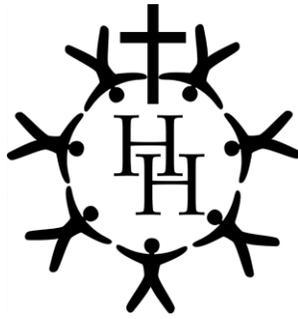
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Dear Parents/Carers,



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Coronavirus Update

We are aware that some parents and children are anxious about what's being called the "Coronavirus" and the stories in the press about schools closing or keeping children off school. We wanted to provide some clarification on the actions we are taking as a school.

It is important to note that viruses such as the coronaviruses are quite common across the world. This particular strain can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems and there is no evidence that children are more affected than other age groups – very few cases have been reported in children.

The Department for Education has issued guidance to schools and as a school, we continue to following this guidance.

We currently have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 (the Coronavirus) so there is no reason to close the school or keep any children off school. If there are any confirmed cases, Public Health England will contact us and issue guidance on next steps.

The current guidance is to avoid infection as you would with any cold or virus by:

- washing hands often with soap and water; (please do not send alcohol hand sanitizers to school)
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing it in the bin.

Essentially: "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it."

We have reviewed our procedures for when the children enter school from outside and after they have eaten. These procedures will remain in place for the foreseeable future. It is essential that this is reiterated at home.

We are also informed that you must stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough

It is important that we have your most up to date contact numbers and email address as they will form an essential part of communicating with families should the need arise.

Please rest assured that the safety and welfare of children and staff are of paramount importance. We will continue to follow guidance from the DfE and Public Health England. If this advice changes, we will let you know.

Thank you for your support in advance with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Potter

"Let all that you do be done in love"