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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are writing to you to let you know what the school is doing as the Coronavirus situation develops. Public Health England, the Department for Education, Peterborough Diocese Education Trust, and local schools are all in daily contact with updates around Coronavirus.

The School is following the government guidance which remains to reinforce the importance of washing hands and good hygiene. Following the announcement from the government yesterday those who have a persistent cough or fever now need to self-isolate for 7 days. If you are concerned about the health of yourselves or family members, call 111 and they will complete a check with you over the phone and offer advice.

In school we are making sure that everyone in the school community, children and staff, wash their hands regularly. The children have had an assembly and receive regular reminders from class teachers and other staff on the importance of good hygiene and regular handwashing. This message should be reinforced at home.

The Department for Education has set up a helpline should you have any queries regarding the matter which you can contact on:

Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is now available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

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

We will of course keep you updated if any of the guidance that we receive changes.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Burrows

Head of School

