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Dear parents/carers,

As you are probably aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. We are getting in touch to let you know what we are doing in light of this, and what we expect from all of you, to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We would like to reassure you that we are taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government, Public Health and Telford & Wrekin Local Authority.

What's the current situation?

- The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we have been given
- All school functions continue to run as normal including Breakfast Club and Crossbar After School Club
- Pupils should attend school or nursery unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they **should remain at home for 7 days**:
 - a new, continuous cough and/or
 - a temperature
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by phoning the school office (386640)
- We will keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation

What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- We will continue to contact parents in the usual way if a child becomes unwell in school or nursery
- Our school cleaning team are following all guidance issued and are cleaning daily
- All children have taken part in hygiene promotion activities and assemblies and these are continuing. Children have been taught handwashing skills and staff are ensuring children wash their hands regularly, cough into their elbows and throw any tissues away immediately

What we need you to do

- If you have recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible**
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. [BBC Newsround](#) has regular updates for younger children and [YoungMinds](#) has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we'll contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)

What happens if the school has to close?

We will only close if we are either officially advised to do so or we do not have enough staff to run the school. Please keep in mind that we are only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

If you have any questions

Please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- [NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's [travel advice](#), if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

Thank you for your understanding and support in this unusual situation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Caroline Boddy
Headteacher