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Dear Parents,

Further to my letter dated yesterday, I am writing with a follow up regarding the Coronavirus and recent updates to guidance. You will be aware that the government announced yesterday that schools have been directed to remain open until further notice unless specifically advised otherwise. The guidance also remains that, if anyone has been in contact with a suspected case in a childcare or educational setting, there is no need to close the setting or send other learners or staff home. We will, of course, continue to monitor the situation carefully and to follow the Department for Education and Public Health England advice should we receive notice of any confirmed cases within our school community.

The Government and NHS have advised that anyone who does present with symptoms, particularly a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature, should stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms started. We would very much appreciate your support with this and will be contacting any parents if we are unsure about whether your child is unwell.

As a school, we have also made the decision to limit some of our external trips and activities over the next few weeks as a precautionary measure. The Year 2 trip to Carlisle Castle has been postponed, as has the PTA meeting on Monday 16th March 2020. We are waiting for further updates regarding the UDance festival at the Sands Centre and will let you know nearer to the time as to whether it is still due to go ahead.

We will also continue to monitor hygiene arrangements in school and send out any useful guidance that we receive.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher