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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus Update

As you will be aware the situation with regard to the coronavirus is evolving daily. Like many schools we have talked to the children about the importance of good hygiene habits and handwashing and we are helping them to follow this advice. We are adopting a 'business as usual' approach, keeping children informed without unnecessarily worrying them.

The advice from Education Bradford, following consultation with colleagues at Public Health England is to confirm that :

At this point in time we have had no confirmation from Public Health England that any member of staff or pupil has tested positive for coronavirus. Pupils are expected to attend school as normal. Were a member of staff or pupil to present symptoms of coronavirus, the school would of course take appropriate action as directed by Public Health England and would contact parents to let them know what steps we were taking.

It is our expectation that all staff and families will continue to follow and to keep up with advice issued by Public Health England. We regularly remind the children of the importance of simple hygiene steps that we can all take. In particular, regularly washing hands and following the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' protocol. Whilst we do not wish to worry children, it is also important that we all play our part in keeping our school and wider community as safe as possible. I have included the NHS posters that we have displayed around school for your information and would encourage you to reinforce the message at home.

Public Health England have been clear on action to take if people display the symptoms of coronavirus. **If this is the case for pupils and families then they should stay at home and you should contact NHS 111 to get advice and guidance, including whether to self-isolate.** The NHS outlines the symptoms of coronavirus as "A cough, a high temperature and shortness of breath." The NHS also makes it clear that these symptoms do not necessarily mean that you have the illness as they are similar to the symptoms of more common illnesses such as cold and flu.

We will continue to liaise closely with Public Health England and comply with all DfE guidelines and will keep parents updated as and when any of these guidelines change.

Yours sincerely

Iain Jones
Headteacher

Here at Menston Primary School, we are dedicated to safeguarding the well being of all children and adults in the school and expect everyone in our community to share this commitment.