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## Coronavirus Update

Dear parents and carers

As you are aware, the Government have issued further advice and guidance and have now moved the country to the Delay Stage of the Coronavirus Pandemic. That means schools should continue to stay open and that children should continue to attend school.

The new guidance states that **anyone who has a new and persistent cough or a temperature (37.5 and above) should self-isolate for 7 days. We therefore request that should your child develop these symptoms you keep them absent from school for this period.**

Current advice remains in place: no education setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England. The Chief Medical Officer has advised that the impact of closing schools on both children's education and on the workforce will be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to schools will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.

Whilst we have been planning for this situation for some time, we know that this will cause some turbulence in school. This is because we may now have to manage unprecedented levels of staff and children's absence.

How can you help?

- If you suspect your son or daughter has any symptoms of coronavirus, please do not send them into school
- Please let us know as soon as possible if your son or daughter is either ill or is self-isolating because of coronavirus symptoms. We will assume that your son or daughter will be off for at least 7 days from when you contact us and will plan class sizes and groups accordingly.

We are continuing to take a number of measures to support with the 'delay' phase. Part of this has been reviewing all non-essential events, deciding whether or not these should continue as planned or be postponed until later in the year as a precautionary measure and so that we can focus our resources on the school day only.





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Children continue to wash their hands more regularly and staff have spent time demonstrating to the children how to do this, following the Public Health guidelines. We are asking all visitors to wash their hands on arrival into school and are minimising non-essential meetings and visitors to school.

We will issue further guidance on a regular basis. This will appear on Parent Mail, ClassDojo, Twitter and the school website. It is important that there is clear communication between home and school and any confirmed information relating to cases within families is also shared to help support our management of this changing situation.

Maintaining the education provision is important and our priority is rightly around the health and well-being of all the children, our Meadowside families and staff.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support regarding this matter over the coming weeks. These are unprecedented times for us all. We are confident that if we all pull together, we will be able to manage it effectively.

Kind regards

Mr S. Wright  
Headteacher

