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Dear Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parents,

As we are sure many of you will have seen over the weekend, there have been media reports about Coronavirus in the UK and in Surrey, and many of you will be concerned. We the co-head teachers can assure you that we are taking the situation seriously but that we do not need to cause undue alarm. It is important for the children that we remain calm, sensible and work together as a school community to follow the national guidance.

Mr Vinall is overseeing the cleaning team to step up cleaning during this outbreak. We already use a disinfecting spray for cleaning around the school for general cleaning and will continue to undertake a thorough daily clean. Tissues are available and children have been instructed to dispose of them and wash their hands, hand sanitizers are available in all classrooms and the children are being actively encouraged to use them. Regular thorough hand washing takes place throughout the day.

The advice to us from Public Health England and Surrey County Council remains the same and is as follows:

1. Where a suspected case has been in a childcare or educational setting, **there is no need to close the setting or send other learners or staff home.**
2. Even if there is a confirmed case in your childcare or educational setting, **in most cases, closure of the childcare or education setting will be unnecessary and advice would be provided by Public Health England.**
3. As always, everyone should continue to promote good hand and respiratory hygiene:
 - washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
 - covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#)
 - people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting
 - pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - before leaving home (please ensure children do this before you bring them in each day)
 - on arrival at school
 - after using the toilet
 - after breaks and sporting activities
 - before food preparation
 - before eating any food, including snacks
 - before leaving school
 - use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
 - avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
 - avoid close contact with people who are unwell
 - clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. if you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

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Remember, if you have any direct medical concerns, to contact NHS 111.

The Department for Education have set up a Coronavirus helpline (tel. 0800 046 8687) for queries relating to schools and other educational establishments in England. Lines are open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm.

Please be assured that when there is a confirmed case, Public Health England (PHE) use the method of contact tracing to prevent the infection spreading further. Please see below to link below to find out more about contact tracing:
<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/02/13/expert-interview-what-is-contact-tracing/>

For further information, please see www.nhs.uk/coronavirus and 'Guidance to educational settings about COVID-19'
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

With kind regards,

Nicky Mann & Jamie Hallums

Co Head Teachers

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