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Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter is to let you know the precautions we are taking and possible action that we will be taking around the current and developing situation with coronavirus. We are receiving daily guidance from Public Health England and are following their advice. As you know, the government are meeting today and this could have consequences for all schools, although at the point of writing, we do not know.

CURRENT PRECAUTIONS BEING TAKEN

The main focus in school with regard to coronavirus is around correct hand washing procedures. Each class has had lessons on this and as we see the children round school, it is evident that they have taken this on board. We have hand sanitising units around the school as well as soap in the toilet areas, and the children are well used to using these.

Children have also been told about the importance of using tissues when they cough or sneeze and have learnt about how quickly germs can spread from person to person just by touching hands, door handles, books and toys.

We know that we do not have any children currently abroad on holiday and we have not been notified of anyone going abroad between now and the end of term. We would be grateful if you could let us know via the office if you are travelling abroad over the Easter holiday.

POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS

We know that there are two possible courses of action that the government might take:

1. People with coughs and colds **may** be asked to self isolate for seven days, just as a precaution.
2. Schools **may** be directed to close to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Please remember that no decisions have been made yet, although both would have implications for our school. We have to plan for either of these developments and I have outlined some details below:

1. If people with coughs and colds had to self isolate, the main concern would be not having an adequate number of staff to adequately manage the amount of children. We would do our absolute best to keep the school open but would ask parents and carers to understand that teaching arrangements may have to change, depending on which staff were in school.

We would keep you fully informed, and give you as much notice as possible by text, our website, the Norfolk School closures site and our Facebook page.



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2. If we were directed to close, we would want to ensure that the children could continue with a reasonable amount of education at home.

We would give you ideas for home learning activities as well as sending home reading material, phonics, spellings and tricky words to practise, ideas for maths and links to suitable websites.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, it is very difficult to give you definite plans when the situation is unpredictable and changing daily.

At the moment we are carrying on as normal and will endeavour to do this for as long as possible. Should the situation change we will do our very best to manage it effectively for you and your children.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Dewing
Headteacher