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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to outline the schools position in relation to Coronavirus and detail our current thinking around the developing situation. We will ensure that we follow the guidance issued by the government and Public Health England. We are aware that the government are meeting today and they are expected to announce their plan to move from the 'containment' to the 'delay' phase. I will detail our current contingency planning below.

At present

We are asking staff and pupils to focus on hygiene; in particular hand washing, the use and disposal of tissues when coughing and sneezing and using sanitiser at specific periods in the school day.

If you have any concerns about your child's symptoms, please contact 111 and follow their advice.

Possible future developments

The government have talked about two specific possible future scenarios. These are NOT the current advice but possible future scenarios.

Possible scenario 1

The possibility that people with coughs, colds and high temperature will be asked to self-isolate for seven days, even if no other coronavirus symptoms are present.

Possible scenario 2

The possibility that schools will be asked to close for a period of time to help contain the potential spread of the virus.

Both these scenarios will have implications for the school which are detailed below.

Possible scenario 1 – NOT CURRENT SITUATION

The main challenge would be staff rather than pupil absence. In this scenario, we would hope to be able to maintain a normal school day but might have to reorganise lessons to ensure pupils are adequately supervised when working.

If kitchen staff absences affect our day-to-day running, we would also notify parents so that alternative arrangements might be made.

All notifications would be made via <https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/heatheravenue> the Norfolk school closures site and our text service.



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Possible scenario 2 – NOT CURRENT SITUATION

The government may decide to close all schools for a period of time. The main challenge here would be ensuring the continuity of education during a time of closure.

We ask that Maths Whizz for Year 1 and 2 and Reading Eggs are utilised if possible. In addition Twinkl (www.twinkl.co.uk) and Oxford Owls (www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home) can be accessed. Also there is Busy Things (www.busythings.co.uk) where you can get a free trial. We also ask that children read at least three times a week. We will endeavour to provide additional activities alongside the above.

Summary

We are aiming to plan for all eventualities and keep you as up to date as we can. Currently, the focus is on hygiene and doing our best to carry on as normal.

If you have any questions, please contact myself or the school office.

Yours sincerely

Stacey Coleman
Headteacher