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Dear Parents,

As you are no doubt aware the situation pertaining to Coronavirus is a developing situation; as well as the school conducting a deep clean over the weekend, I thought I would give you the latest advice for educational settings. So to give you the headlines of the update from government with regards to COVID 19 and children being sent home:

The Department of Health now recommends that-

- staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal
- if staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home

What to do if someone develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) on site

If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature in an education setting they should be sent home and advised to follow the [staying at home guidance](#).

If they need clinical advice, they (or their teacher, parent or guardian) should go online to [NHS 111](#) (or call 111 if they don't have internet access). In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.

In most cases, closure of the educational setting will not be needed but this will be a local decision based on various factors such as establishment size and risk of further spread.

If there is an urgent public health action to take, the educational setting will be contacted by the local Public Health England Health Protection Team who will undertake a risk assessment and advise on any actions or precautions that should be taken. PHE will rarely advise a school to close but this may be necessary if there are so many staff being isolated that the school has operational issues. Your local authority will support you to make this assessment. PHE will work with the headteacher, principal or management team, and the Local Authority Public Health team, to advise on the management of children, pupils, students or staff.

For the full information from the Department of Health with regards to COVID 19, please visit-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19#contents>

I hope this helps to clear up any misconceptions that maybe circulating through social media.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at the school office.

Best Wishes
Paul Bertram
Head Teacher