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AVENUE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to keep you updated as to how the school is responding to the Coronavirus outbreak.

We are currently receiving daily updates from the Department for Education which are issued in conjunction with Public Health England. This situation at the moment is that schools should remain open unless instructed to take other action by Public Health England. We are aware that this is a rapidly changing situation and will update you as soon as we are aware of any changes.

In the meantime, we have already taken the following sensible precautions to limit the risk of the spread of germs:

- Increased handwashing throughout the day
- Lessons on handwashing hygiene
- Lessons on respiratory hygiene (coughing into tissues etc.)
- Minimising of shared resources such as pencils and pens etc.
- Reducing large gatherings such as whole school assemblies where children are in very close proximity to each other.
- Increased focus of cleaning on frequently touched surfaces

We understand that the increased handwashing has led to some children having dry or sore hands. We are happy for children to bring a labelled hand cream in for the own personal use only. This cannot be shared and must only be applied on completely dry hands. The creams must not contain any nut products.

We must also request that all water bottles are taken home each evening to be washed, refilled and returned. They must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

We would like to ask that families please inform us if they are planning to travel abroad over the Easter holiday even if this is not to a country currently affected by the Coronavirus outbreak. Please do this via the school office as soon as possible.

At this present time, advice around absence from school is that if your child has either a new continuous cough or a high temperature (over 37.8 degrees) then they should stay at home for at least 7 days. Please ensure that in the event of any diagnosis of Coronavirus you inform the school immediately.

In the event of school being directed to close, we have plan in place to offer work for children to complete at home and will send details of this separately on the day of closure along with advice around safeguarding and how to keep in contact with us.

We do not currently have any children or staff that we are concerned about in respect to the Coronavirus. If this situation changes, we will, of course, take advice from Public Health England and keep you informed to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Mike Hooper

Mrs. Debbie Dismore

Head of School

Executive Headteacher