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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus COVID-19

The government is closely monitoring the spread of coronavirus at home and abroad.

The risk to individuals remains low, however we are sharing information with parents/carers, staff and students, the attached poster is displayed around the Academy.

You should not be unduly worried about your children catching the Coronavirus and there is no reason why your child should stop attending school at this time.

A campaign has been launched across the UK to slow the spread of Coronavirus, please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices:

- washing your hands often with soap and water, this is particularly important after taking public transport
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin.
- people who feel unwell should stay at home
- pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - before leaving home
 - 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

Further information can be found on the Government

website: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public

Kind regards

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