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Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus Update

I am writing to inform you of what Primrose Hill Primary School is doing with regard to the Coronavirus. The school receives regular updates from Camden and Public Health and the DFE and acts upon these as appropriate. There will be daily updates on the website as information comes in.

Until any further measures are announced, our main focus is in ensuring good habits of hygiene to minimise any spread of infection.

This mainly entails:

- Good regular handwashing habits and teaching children the 20 second rule
- Proper use of tissues for sneezing or blowing noses and then disposing of these in a bin

We have also been looking to the future and drawing up contingency plans. The information to date indicates that children are most likely to experience mild symptoms if they contract the virus. However, it could be that if the virus spreads, the school could experience significant staff shortages, either due to illness or the need for individuals to self-isolate. We will endeavour to keep the school open in the event of multiple staff absences, however this **may** involve introducing precautionary measures such as cancelling trips or clubs, requiring children to bring packed lunch, splitting or combining classes and avoiding large gatherings such as class assemblies etc. We will plan for these if issues arise.

We hope the above will **not** be needed, however we feel it is important to inform you of actions which may need to be taken.

I have also put some planning in place for what would happen if all schools had to close. This would be communicated with you if that eventuality occurs. **Please note the school will only close if directed to do so by Public Health England and we will notify you if this happens.**

What parents should do:

- If your child suffers from a respiratory disease (e.g. asthma), ensure the school is provided with up to date medication
- Continue to reinforce that children to regularly wash their hands using the 20 second rule, (singing Happy Birthday twice or following the YouTube link we sent out earlier this week)
- Keep children off from school if they are **unwell** until they have fully recovered and communicate this via the school absence line (0207 722 8500) or email

- Inform the school immediately if you have had to contact NHS 111 and are self-isolating
- If you have recently travelled, please check the website below for information
- Please make sure we have your most current contact information

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified countries-and areas from: Gov.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-from-gov-uk-guidance-for-educational-settings)
– guidance for educational settings

I will write to you again if there are any significant changes to the above.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Warren".

Robin Warren - Head Teacher