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Dear Parents and Carers

As promised earlier this week, I am writing with more details of our contingency planning in light of the possible impact of the Corona virus on our activities and learning here at St John's.

The safety of the children and the whole school community will always be our absolute priority in any decision making. To date, we have no confirmed cases here, however, as you will appreciate, the situation is very organic and fast changing. Whilst we will use our best endeavours to minimise the chances of infection, we are also keen to be prepared, should a case be confirmed at St John's.

We are intensifying our cleaning regime and all high touch surfaces will be cleaned at midday as well as after school; sanitiser is available in every classroom and children have been excellent at taking on the responsibility to ensure hands are washed more regularly, including in the morning before they enter the classroom. All guests to the school are asked to sanitise their hands before entering the school building and extra precautions are also being taken with contractors. Hand shaking and physical contact is being discouraged. All staff have been briefed on our approach to any possible outbreak.

We do not have any school trips planned for next week and we will review our position on school visits and any sporting fixtures prior to the events in light of the latest advice.

Should a case be confirmed at our school, we will immediately refer to the Public Health England (PHE)/Local Authority and will follow the current advice at that point. We are taking a number of measures to ensure that any disruption to school life has limited impact on the children's learning. Next week, teachers will be given additional time for lesson planning so that in the event of any individual staff absences there will be less impact on the continuity of the teaching being delivered. In the event of school closure, we are purchasing CGP work books for home learning and we are also resourcing teachers to provide additional work sheets to supplement these. We may also have to consider splitting Collective Worship and other whole school activities, dependent on how the situation unfolds.

Members of the Governing Body will liaise weekly with the SLT to consider the latest government advice and the local context of St John's.

The latest advice is that anyone with a **new, continuous cough or high temperature is now advised to self-isolate for seven days.**

Please ensure that we have your latest contact details.

I do understand that this can be an anxious time for our families both in terms of the illness but also the effect of the measures needed to minimise its impact. Please feel free to contact your class teacher should you have any specific worries. The atmosphere in school remains calm and happy and I know we will all work to ensure that this continues.

Very best wishes

Mrs Martin