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**Head of School  
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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to update you on the latest measures we are taking in school to delay the spread of COVID-19. These measures are based on advice from the Department for Education, who have issued all educational settings with guidance around COVID-19 that they are updating on a regular basis. Section 3 of this guidance is about preventing spread of infection.

There are two main areas of advice that impact on the children:

1. Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue – children are all being encouraged to use a tissue, bin it after use and then wash their hands – this is following the Public Health England Guidance to “Catch it, Bin it, Kill it”
2. Washing your hands often – with soap and water, the guidance expands on this point, suggesting key times of the day that this should happen, the guidance states - pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
  - 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

It is an expectation that the school follows this guidance as this is the foundation of the Government’s strategy to slow the spread of the virus in the UK. In reality, looking at the list, with the exception of entering and leaving school, I am sure parents would want children to be washing their hands at these times of the day regardless of COVID-19.

I understand that some children are experiencing dry hands or other skin conditions resulting from the frequency of washing – if you have an alternative soap that you would prefer your child to use, you are welcome to send this in with your child (clearly labelled) and we will be happy for your child to use this soap when washing. In addition to this, if you would like your child to apply a moisturiser after handwashing, please send this into school with your child (clearly labelled) and they will be permitted to use this after handwashing.

As a school, we are very aware of the potential for anxiety amongst children and are doing our utmost to lessen the worry that the COVID-19 pandemic may be causing, whilst taking the necessary actions to reduce the rate of its spread.

If any parents have further concerns related to this, please feel free to speak to me regarding them.

Kind regards,

Stephen Warrell - Head of School