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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Further to previous correspondence on 26th February and 6th March, we feel that it is time to provide a further update on the current situation in respect of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Please be reassured that currently, Tor View, has not been made aware of any confirmed cases within our direct school community.

We are keeping well informed with daily updates, from the DfE and Public Health England, which includes clear guidance for a range of scenarios. We will be posting all future updates that we receive, along with any communication on our website at <http://torview.org/parents-and-carers/coronavirus>. This page is accessible from the home page of our website by clicking the 'Coronavirus Update' tile.

We are continuing to reduce the risk to our children with thorough handwashing, and would ask for your support in ensuring that children wash their hands before leaving home and again on arrival. Please follow the Public Health England advice regarding 'How can you stop coronavirus spreading'. If you notice symptoms in yourself and/or your child, please follow the stay at home guidance for people with confirmed or possible Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

For your convenience we have pasted this guidance at the end of this letter. If school notice your child presenting with these symptoms, then we will isolate them and contact you to collect immediately. It is then the Parents/Carers responsibility to follow self-isolation advice and contact 111 for further advice.

Whilst there are no plans to close schools at the present stage, should the Government make this decision in the near future, we are looking at ways we can share school work and this is likely to be available on our website. More details will be available should the time arise.

We are of course mindful that our children are more vulnerable, and whilst we are making every effort in line with the advice available to us, we appreciate that Parents/Carers may still be concerned. If you are deeply concerned that your child's complex medical need imposes significant risk, then school would respect your decision to keep your child at home and this would be noted as

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authorised absence. We would ask that anyone wishing to pursue this course of action contacts school to inform us of your decision.

I hope that you find this information useful, however if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L A Parrish
Headteacher

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection

Key messages

- if you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started. (See [ending isolation](#) section below for more information)
- this action will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious
- plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home
- ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home
- stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible
- sleep alone, if that is possible
- wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water
- stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible
- you do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact [NHS 111 online](#). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999