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Dear Parents,

National advice for the prevention of the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed this week, and we understand that parents and carers may have questions about this.

The latest accurate information on Coronavirus (COVID-19), including the current situation in the UK and details about the virus and its symptoms, can be found at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. This is updated regularly and includes the most recent advice in relation to staying at home and travel - so we encourage you to visit the website for the latest information.

Reporting Absences

We are expecting a higher quantity of calls each morning to report absences. To support our admin team, we are asking parents, where possible, to report absences via **mySchoolApp**. If you are not signed up already, joining instructions have been emailed to you today.

It is important that during this time we continue to communicate openly and we ask that, when reporting absences, you share the following details:

- Pupil name/class
- First date of absence
- Expected date of return
- Reason for absence (to include whether the absence is due to self-isolation)

If children are beginning to show symptoms at school, we will contact you directly to discuss the possibility of staying at home.

Use of Hand Sanitizer

Please could we ask for your support in reminding the children that they are not required to bring any sort of hand sanitizer into school. Many hand sanitizer's contain alcohol products, which we cannot permit the children to use in school. However we have a plentiful supply of both antibacterial soap and hot water.

As a school, the most important action that we can take to protect against Coronavirus and other germs is to promote good hand and respiratory hygiene. We are continuing to follow Public Health England's advice about general hygiene and cleanliness, which involves multiple opportunities for the children to wash their hands throughout the school day.

Should the situation change or if we are given different advice, we will communicate this to you.

Thank you for your support with this important matter, in ensuring all of our children are kept safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shirley Nicholas-Bond'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mrs Shirley Nicholas-Bond