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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to give you an update on how we are protecting our school community against Covid-19 and ongoing contingency plans.

We are reviewing daily the updates from the Department of Education as well as guidance issued by Public Health England and the NHS. We are using these updates to help us develop and inform our contingency plans.

In the first instance, we have strengthened our daily cleaning routines. We have placed an increased focus on the daily cleaning of classrooms and toilets. In addition, each classroom has been provided with anti-bacterial spray allowing tables to be wiped down in-between learning sessions. Toilets are checked regularly to ensure they are restocked with hand soap throughout the day and hand sanitiser is available around school and in each classroom.

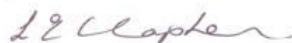
We have reviewed any planned events and meetings we had scheduled and have made the decision to postpone **parents evening held on 19th March and 24th March. Additionally, we have also postponed the Nursery and year 5 Book and a Bagel events on 26th & 27th March.** As soon as we have confirmation that the situation is becoming clearer and the number of cases are reducing, we will get another date out to parents. We are also in the process of reviewing school trips that we have planned over the next 3 weeks including the year 4 residential. Current advice is that trips should go ahead as planned however we will continue to review this and update you on this situation again as more guidance is made available.

Although it has been confirmed that as a country, we have now move into the 'Delay' phase, schools have been instructed to remain open. We would like to reassure parents that we have had no confirmation from Public Health England that any member of staff or pupil has tested positive for coronavirus. Pupils are expected to attend school as normal. If a member of staff or pupil presented symptoms of coronavirus, the school would of course take appropriate action as directed by Public Health England and would contact parents to let them know what steps we were taking. Updated advice released yesterday is that anyone who is displaying early symptoms of Coronavirus, including a cough or temperature should self-isolate for 7 days. If you follow this advice and make the decision to isolate your child, we would ask that you follow the usual absence procedure and contact the school office by 9am via telephone or email (office@grovehouseprimary.co.uk) to confirm this decision. This will allow us to record your child's absence correctly on class registers. Absence through self-isolation will not affect your overall attendance figure.

We are also planning ahead in the event that schools will be instructed to close and we would like you to help us prepare for this. Your child has already been issued with log ins to Bug Club, Timestables Rockstars, Purple Mash and Spelling Bug. Please take a moment to ensure your child is able to access these resources at home. If you have any problems, please contact the school office and we will do our best to resolve them. Teachers are also busy creating home learning packs.

We hope this information provides you with an update but also recognise that this is an ever evolving situation and one we are reviewing daily. Please be reassured that we will continue to make measured decisions in the best interests of the whole school community whilst following the guidance provided by the Department of Education and Public Health England. We know you will all have many questions but would ask that where possible, you contact the office via telephone. As the situation changes we will update you again.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.



Miss L Clapham
Head of School