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Dear parent,

I am certain that all parents are equally concerned about the on-going international situation regarding the Coronavirus. At Fulwell Infant we are continuing to monitor the situation daily and follow guidance sent to schools by the DfE in order to minimise any impact for the children and families of our school. I am forwarding on to you below the latest information from the DfE regarding precautions schools should take to safeguard against Coronavirus.

Without wanting to spread any anxiety or panic, I do think it is important to take on board the recommendations suggested and to make sure that children are aware of what is good practice in terms of healthy hygiene, particularly where children have the normal coughs and sneezes always present in schools.

We are encouraging children to learn the importance of

- Catch It, Bin It, Kill It. We are making sure that there are plenty of disposable paper tissues available in the classrooms.
- Regular hand washing with soap/ hand wash available at the sinks in toilets and classrooms.
- Use of alcohol based hand sanitizer, available in classrooms. The children are very familiar with the use of both hand sanitizer and soap at key points during the day as this is a long established practice.

As explained in the newsletter, we have demonstrated recommended hand washing to '2x happy birthday' and sneezing and coughing into a full tissue or the crook of an arm. Where a tissue is used, it is 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and then wash hands. We would encourage parents to reinforce these expectations at home.

Mr Forster and the cleaning staff have stepped up the routine daily cleaning practices to regularly clean the areas that could potentially contribute to the spread of germs- door handles, surfaces, bathrooms etc. We have plentiful supplies of hand wash, hand sanitizer and tissues and have no issue with children bringing additional hand gel from home. We must discourage sharing of resources. Ideally these should be labelled with a child's name and class and kept in their bag or classroom drawer.

During holiday breaks many families travel. We would advise all parents to remain vigilant to any symptoms that may arise particularly after visiting an area where the virus is a concern.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>

In the meantime, the most up to date DfE guidance is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

If you have any concerns please let us know and please update us if you are aware of any children or other family members who have travelled recently from areas affected by Coronavirus and are displaying symptoms.

Your support in reinforcing prevention practices will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Angus

Head teacher