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Dear Parents / Carers,

Coronavirus Update

As you may be aware, the government updated their advice regarding Coronavirus yesterday. This is a constantly changing situation which is fuelled by a lot of information from the media. We understand that many people will have their views regarding this advice and whether more or less should be done. However, our position as a Lewisham school is to continue to follow the latest government advice as communicated by **Public Health England**.

Latest info can be found on: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Much of this official advice is similar to that reported in the media, but I wanted to highlight the school's current position on several key areas in light of the latest government advice:

Self-Isolation

If your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus - either a new continuous cough and/or a fever (with a temperature of 37.8 or more), they should be self-isolated for **7 days**. Please follow the usual procedures of reporting your child's absence, by phoning the office each morning.

14 day isolation is for anyone who is a known case or has had close contact with a known case.

School Trips

In accordance with current advice, school trips are at this point still going ahead. Each trip will have its own risk assessment, which will include additional reference to hygiene and hand cleaning, especially if using public transport. We will also contact each destination before going to clarify if there are any changes to their risk assessments. Currently, it remains our intention that School Journey is going ahead. We will review this decision again on Thursday.

School Closure (partial or full)

Yesterday's advice was clear that there would be no school closures at this time. However, it is possible that in the future it may be necessary for the school to close (either fully or partially). This would be either because of government instruction/advice or as a result of staff shortage. We are preparing a range of learning activities for your children to do at home in this eventuality and will keep you posted as this situation develops.

In the meantime, please can I ask that you ensure that the office has your most up to date contact details.

As a community, we will continue to emphasise the importance of hygiene and regular hand-washing. We will continue to try to get the right balance of response between carrying on as normally as possible and managing the risk of infection. We will do this by following latest official advice, provided to us through daily updates from Public Health England and letting you know of any significant changes as the situation develops. Please do get in touch if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

Edward Dove