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Dear Parents,

RE: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

I am writing to update you on the school's position with regard to the Coronavirus. I want to reassure you that we continue to follow the advice of Public Health England (PHE), the Diocese and the Local Authority to ensure the health of our whole school community, including pupils and staff.

I would like to thank all of our school community for your sensible, calm and reasoned approach so far. We currently have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 or any known cases of self-isolation at St Mary's. Whilst the advice from the Public Health England is to continue with daily life, we are putting in place plans should this advice change.

In terms of keeping the children safe within school, hygiene practices such as regularly washing hands is the best way to prevent the spread of almost all germs, including Coronavirus. All staff are aware of the guidance have used resources from Public Health England on hand washing and respiratory hygiene. Staff have been instructed to ensure there is time for regular hand washing in the busy school day so that no child feels they do not have that opportunity. In addition, we have increased the level of cleaning in school to further prevent the spread of possible germs.

Clubs and school visitors

All clubs on school site and visitors have been informed of the expectations and guidance around good hygiene. We are also being proactive in questioning if any visitors have been aboard to areas of high risk. External Club providers have contacted us with their own Coronavirus protocols.

Sporting fixtures and Trips

We have a number of sporting fixtures and trips scheduled. Current advice from the Public Health England and the DfE does not advise against travel within the London area or UK; as such, we will continue with these as planned. Should that guidance change, we will of course change this stance. Please ensure you are checking the communicator alerts and updates regularly for any updates or changes to these events.

In the event of a school closure

If we are asked to close the school, we will take immediate action to inform parents, so as to enable parents to make alternative arrangements. The information will be posted on our website front page in the event of the school closing. In addition, an alert will be sent out on School Communicator.

We also inform Richmond Local Authority who publish this information on their website OpenCheck for Parents: OpenCheck allows you to check the status of the school on any given day. This easy-to-use service and presents information regarding school closures in case of emergency, severe weather or any news which may affect children's ability to attend or access the school.

Please follow the link: <https://opencheck.atomwide.com/default.aspx>



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Home learning

If the school needed to close, we are committed to supporting the children in continuing their academic learning whilst at home. We cannot provide the same level of resources and provision as at school; however, we will do everything possible to provide activities as close to that level as possible. Details on this will be sent out if we reach that stage.

Please ensure that you review the advice regularly and take the appropriate action recommended via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, is chairing another emergency Cobra meeting of senior ministers to discuss the country's response to the Coronavirus crisis today to decide if the country should move from the contain stage to the delay stage.

If this changes and we receive further guidance that we should follow at school, I will once again write to you to keep you informed. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams
Headteacher