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Dear Parents and Carers,

In light of the Coronavirus outbreak and the advice that is developing on a daily basis from the Government, I wanted to let you know the steps that we are taking at Blakehill to address the health and safety of our pupils, their families and staff in response to the concerns raised from Coronavirus (COVID-19).

**There is currently no cause for concern at our school.** We continue to follow the advice given by Public Health England and the Department of Education, which is:

- Staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal
- staff, young people or children becoming unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature will be sent home
- regularly touched objects and surfaces are cleaned and disinfected more often than usual using our standard cleaning products
- young children wash their hands for 20 seconds more often than usual with soap and water or hand sanitiser and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues

**After consultation, senior leaders have taken the decision to minimise all unnecessary social contact and avoid non-essential travel to further safeguard our Blakehill school community. Therefore:**

- Parent/ Teacher Consultation evenings scheduled this week are postponed. We will try to reschedule these as soon as possible.
- Whole school, key stage and class assemblies are suspended until further notice
- Reception and Year 1 parent reading sessions are suspended until further notice
- External visits are suspended until further notice. This includes: the year 5/6 visit to Immanuel School Production, year 6 visit to Danelaw, Year 4 Prom and Year 3 Linking schools
- Swimming for year 4 is suspended until further notice

We will of course review the situation on a regular basis and update you, as we are able to. For more information on the school's response to Coronavirus, please refer to our school website. I am sure you understand much of this will be outside our control; however, we have no plans currently to close our school, unless we are advised otherwise.

In the event that we do close the school, you will be informed via text message, email and social media. Please check that you have provided us with your most up-to-date contact details to ensure you receive any correspondence regarding a closure. Staff are making plans in the event of a school closure and activities will be made available to help your child continue their learning at home should this be necessary.

This is a challenging and an uncertain time for all of us and I would like to express our sincere thanks and support of our families. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you all.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Keighley

Head of School

