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Dear Parents / Carers,

As I am sure many of you will have seen over the weekend there have been media reports about Coronavirus in the UK (and specifically in Surrey) and many of you will be concerned. I wish to assure you that we are taking the situation seriously but that we do not need to cause undue alarm. It is important for all our students that we remain calm, sensible and work together as a school community to follow the national guidance.

The advice to us from Public Health England and Surrey County Council remains the same and is as follows: -

- 1) Where a suspected case has been in an educational setting, there is no need to close the setting or send students or staff home.
- 2) Even if there is a confirmed case in your educational setting, in most cases, closure of the education setting will be unnecessary and advice would be provided by Public Health England.
- 3) As always, everyone should continue to promote good hand and respiratory hygiene:
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze, then bin the tissue and wash your hands (or use a sanitiser gel).
 - Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

We are continually reinforcing with our students the importance of this hygiene advice. We have ensured that we have adequate hand sanitizer throughout the school and have ordered more dispensers for every classroom.

As the situation develops globally I am checking updates to guidance and advice on a daily basis and will continue to keep you updated.

Remember, if you have any direct medical concerns, to contact NHS 111.