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Dear Parents/Carers

You will all be aware of the current issues surrounding COVID-19 and the impact this may have on schools.

I am writing to reassure you that we are monitoring the situation and are taking advice from Public Health England and Cumbria County Council on a regular basis. I understand that you may be anxious and wish to reassure you that we have risk assessments in place and are working hard to make sure the risk to students and staff remains low.

We have no cases of infection from the virus. We are taking all sensible precautions and I would like to remind you about simple measures you can take at home, as we are doing at school, to prevent infections from spreading:

- Catch your cough or sneeze in the crook of your elbow or use a tissue. Then bin the tissue and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel
- 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

General information about COVID-19 is available on the PHE website and we would ask that all members of the community are mindful of the health advice: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

You will be aware that this is a fast moving and fluid situation and we will move quickly to inform you of any changes to our current situation. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely



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