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Dear Woodberry Down Families

Re: Coronavirus Update

I am sure that you will have heard this evening that The Department for Education has advised all schools to remain open to pupils. Their advice this evening is that only those who are unwell, have a persistent cough or a temperature should self isolate. Woodberry Down Primary School will remain open to the community unless advised otherwise. We are very much business as usual.

Public Health England continue to recommend that the most effective way to reduce the likelihood of passing the virus on is to wash our hands properly. I am writing to you in regards to the measures we are taking to ensure our pupils can do this often and well. We are encouraging our pupils to wash their hands regularly, especially after using the toilets and before eating. Facilities are being checked and replenished regularly in all areas of the school. We have hand sanitisers in various locations throughout the school and canteen. Over the weekend we will fit more sinks in the playground to increase the facilities available to the children.

There are very few trips planned for the remainder of the term. For those who are taking part in any educational outings, we will take increased caution around hygiene and washing hands and will take hand sanitiser with us on all trips. The children are also encouraged to bring their own gel or cream with them. We believe strongly that these trips and visits are a vital tool in ensuring all of our children have full access to the curriculum and that their opportunities are increased in every possible way. We ask that you do not withdraw your children from these enrichment opportunities.

The Department for Education have released a telephone number for a coronavirus helpline which is open to all members of staff, parents and young people. The helpline is open from 8am until 6pm Monday through to Friday and can be contacted on 0800 046 8687.

Advice about the virus and what to do should you be concerned is available on many websites. Here are a small number;

<https://www.hackneyservicesforschools.co.uk/extranet/coronavirus-advice>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Anyone who is worried about their own health or that of their children or family member has been advised to dial 111. We ask that should any of our school community be diagnosed with coronavirus that you inform the school.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or queries, please approach us at the school gate or in the playground at the beginning or end of the school day.

Kind Regards



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Headteacher



Nicole Reid
Executive Headteacher



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