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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to update you on our most recent information relating to the Coronavirus, COVID-19 outbreak.

We receive regular updates from Public Health England, the DfE and the Local Authority. Please be assured that we are committed to doing all we can to ensure the health and safety of our school community, and we are taking all practical steps to do so. At this point, the guidance from all our sources is to carry on as normal.

It is good to be able to talk with you each morning and to hear your views and concerns. It is a challenging time for all of us, but it is very heartening to see how our school community pulls together in difficult times. We are relying on you to continue to do this at this time.

Our staff are dedicated and committed to taking the very best care of your children. We will continue to do all we can to ensure we are able to stay open so as to reduce any negative impact on their education and welfare. We simply ask that you consider the wellbeing of our pupils and our staff when making a decision on whether your child is fit for school. To do this, please ensure you follow the latest guidance provided by Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response> in relation to symptoms of the virus and self-isolation procedures.

If you are concerned about your child showing symptoms of coronavirus please look at the NHS 111 website, Public Health England and Gov.UK websites. We have added links on the school website to show you guidance issued today and will continue to update this as necessary.

If your child does have coronavirus-like symptoms we advise you to keep them off school. Please inform the school of their absence and self-isolate them for seven days as per the guidance. If you have more than one child at school, as a precaution we would advise that if one child has symptoms, you keep all the children off school to help stop the spread of the virus.

Please remember to inform the school of any absence, **particularly if your family is in isolation**. Either call or email the school office on 020 7387 5909 or admin@rcobden.camden.sch.uk informing us of your child's name, class and reason for absence along with an anticipated return date.

Therefore, if you or anyone in your household have any of the following symptoms we ask that you go to the NHS 111 website <https://111.nhs.uk/service/COVID-19/> or contact NHS 111 and determine whether you should self-isolate:

Symptoms:

Fever and tiredness
Coughing
Breathing Difficulties

Use the [111 online coronavirus service](#) to find out what to do next. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

We will be maintaining our additional cleaning routines such as daily disinfecting of door handles, light switches, handrails and other touch points and ensuring children and adults follow good hygiene to prevent the spread of the virus.

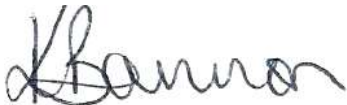
The leadership and Chair of Governors have considered the activities of the school over the next few weeks. We have decided to take the following action:

- Cancel upcoming trips other than those we can get to easily – Camden Learning Centre
- Swimming lessons will continue
- To avoid group gathering that are not crucial at this point, we will not be inviting parents into school assemblies or additional meetings other than meetings with individual parents (e.g. Special Educational Needs Meetings)
- Parents' Consultation Meetings will be cancelled this term
- We ask parents/guardians to drop and collect their children as promptly as possible and not to hang around the school premises.

Thank you in anticipation of your continuing support.

Please be reassured that the school will continue to update you as the situation develops.

Yours sincerely,



Kathy Bannon
HEADTEACHER