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Coronavirus update and school plan

Dear parents/carers,

As you're probably aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. We're getting in touch to let you know what we're doing in light of this, to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We'd like to reassure you that we are taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government.

What's the current situation?

- The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we've been given
- All school clubs continue to run as normal
- Pupils should attend unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they **should remain at home for 7 days**:
 - a new, continuous cough and/or
 - a temperature
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by calling the school office on 0208 764 2923 or by email to office@kaps.croydon.sch.uk
- We will keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation, please check the school website for updates

What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- Pupils are instructed to wash their hands throughout the day and hand sanitizer is available in every classroom
- Cleaning staff are on site to clean across the site every evening
- Pupils who are unwell with the identified symptoms are asked to remain at home for 7 days
- Lessons and class assemblies for pupils about hygiene and how to deal with anxiety
- Assemblies will be class based, sharing assemblies will go ahead, with fewer classes attending, as parents may have these dates booked

What we need you to do

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via the school office.
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we'll contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It's a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. [BBC Newsround](#) has regular updates for younger children and [YoungMinds](#) has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety



What happens if the school has to close?

We'll only close if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school.

Should this happen parents will be updated via text message, parents can also use the 'Open Check' link on the homepage of the school website to check the status, twitter (@KAPSchool) & parentcomms.

We aim to send work home for pupils and also to provide online learning opportunities. We will be talking to the children about this.

Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

If you have any questions, please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- [NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's [travel advice](#), if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

It's a tricky time and we know you're worried about the impact this might have on our community. It's important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

Thank you for your continued support.

Clare Cranham
Headteacher

