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Dear Parents

UPDATE – Coronavirus

I want to share the school's current position on how we are managing concerns regarding Coronavirus.

We receive a daily update from the Department for Education that shares any new information and advice. The only pertinent information that has been shared with school is to encourage children to wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. We have increased the opportunities for this to happen in school.

You may have heard talk of school closures. This has been shared as part of the 'delay phase' in the government's Coronavirus action plan. It is a population distancing strategy.

We have not had any communications from the Local Authority nor the Department for Education to say that this is going to happen. However, we have had discussions at school-level to ensure that we can maintain your child's education as best we can.

We have made provisional plans to ensure that children maintain access to TT Rockstars. Year 6 children will have access to the SATs practice support and SPAG.com that they should already be accessing. Children in other year groups will have packs of work prepared for them to access at home should this be required. All children will receive plenty of books to read!

I hope that none of the above will be needed. However, I would rather be over-prepared and use our time, than be under-prepared and 'lose' your child's learning time!

We will keep you updated if anything changes. **SCHOOL IS STILL OPEN AND CHILDREN MUST ATTEND.** Keep washing those hands!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C McGregor'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mrs McGregor
Headteacher