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Dear Parents and Carers,

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### **Coronavirus Update**

At Lutton St Nicholas and Gedney Church End, we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing guidance from Public Health England on steps you should be taking.

There's currently no cause for closures at the schools, but we'll keep you informed about any developments.

#### **Prevent the spread of infection**

Make sure you and your child(ren) follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

**If you become unwell (see below for a list of symptoms):**

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with other flu viruses (see the home isolation advice sheet for help with this).
- Call NHS 111 immediately for an assessment (or 999 if you require emergency medical attention)

**Symptoms to look out for:**

- Cough
- Difficulty in breathing
- Fever (a temperature of 38 degrees C or higher)

**According to other official guidance, while you wait for further advice:**

- Avoid contact with others
- Stay at home – don't go to work or school
- Don't travel while sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing, throwing tissues in the bin
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available)

**Potential closure**

At this present time schools across the UK are to remain open. However, it may be the case that schools, in the near future, will be shut until further notice. We are continually monitoring Government updates daily and to prepare ourselves if the schools should close. If this was happen we will ensure that you are notified via our schools' app and the websites.

Presently, we are working hard to gather learning materials for your child(ren) to use at home in the event of school closures. These materials will be ready to upload onto our websites, including links to online learning activities - these will be placed into each class page.

Understandably, closures would mean that school residentials will be cancelled, but at this moment school trips, including Ilam Hall (Year 4) and Kingswood (Year 6) are going ahead as normal.

Thank you for your understanding during this period.



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