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St Gilbert's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As we approach our half term, I do want to take the opportunity to wish you a restful and enjoyable holiday with your families.

However, you will be aware from the news that the Coronavirus is continuing to be a concern. Bearing in mind many of you may be thinking of travelling abroad, I felt it would be of use to provide you with an update and some additional advice which we have received.

Whilst the overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate, this is a developing situation and we recommend you check the following websites for the most up-to-date information:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public> and
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>.

We also recognise that some families may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the advice through the following links <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

These sites will also give you up to date advice on travel arrangements over the half term holidays and I would urge you to read it before any planned travel abroad.

The school is continuing to monitor the situation regarding novel coronavirus (COVID-19) including advice from The Department of Health and Social Care, and Public Health England. At is stands, there are no concerns at school. The school, however, continues to remain cautious and we are ensuring that all pupils are continuing to keep basic hygiene practices. We have been advised that as parents and carers, you should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school as normal now or after half-term.

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As parents you can also help to slow the spread of the virus by continuing to promote basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue. I have also attached a poster and a link to a video with further information https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEJHHuT9_ig&feature=youtu.be. Should you have any concerns about your symptoms or those of your child, please call NHS 111 - don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

My best wishes you all for a safe and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing you at school on Tuesday 25th February 2020.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Miss Dicker', written in a cursive style.

Miss Dicker
Headteacher