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Dear Parents

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Corona Virus

I know many of you will be concerned about what will happen in schools in the event of the virus becoming more widespread. I would like to reassure you that all schools are receiving a daily update from the Department for Education and that the LA has emergency contact numbers for Andrew and I in case of having to make a decision to close the school at short notice, and we will keep you informed if this needs to happen. There is a website that you can look at yourself for updates – please see the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

We are reminding the children regularly about washing their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds using soap and hot water, and are giving them opportunities to do this several times during the day. This is by far the most effective means of ensuring cleanliness and preventing infection, but we will also purchase alcohol based hand wash for use on occasions when we are out of school and unable to use soap and water. We are also reminding them to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze, or catch it in a tissue, and to wash hands afterwards and dispose of used tissues after use. We would ask that you would support us in our efforts to reduce infection of **ANY** kind, not just Corona virus, in school, by making sure that if your child is suffering from diarrhoea, or if they have been vomiting, you keep them at home for 48 hours after the last bout of illness to avoid spreading it to other pupils or staff.

Book Week assembly and Library visit

A reminder that all parents and friends are welcome to come to our Book Week Dressing up assembly on Thursday morning, 12th March at 9.15 am. We would expect this to last about an hour.

Pupils will be going down to Hexham on Friday 13th March to visit Cogito books and spend their World Book day vouchers. Pupils from Years 2,3 and 4 will also be going to Hexham Library. If your child has a Library ticket and would like to get a book out on loan, please can you send it in, and make sure they know to give it to their class teacher to look after.

Assembly about Mrs Hilton's visit to Ethiopia

Mrs Hilton will be showing photos and talking to the children about her trip to Addis Ababa in our Friday afternoon assembly 13th March at 2.45 pm. All parents and friends are welcome to come and join us to see her presentation.

Yours sincerely

Miss Jenny Morgan