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within our Christian family”*

**Coronavirus Update at Bretherton**

Dear parents,

In response to the increased coverage in the news, I would like to outline Bretherton Endowed’s position in relation to the Coronavirus. The information that we are receiving from daily emails from the Department for Education and guidance and advice of the Chief medical officer outlines that at the moment schools are to remain open.

While we stay open, we are taking all necessary precautions to support the health and wellbeing of our staff, pupils and families. We are:

- Increasing handwashing and simple hygiene. All children are being explicitly taught how to wash their hands properly with soap and water and are reminded to do this at increased regular intervals in the day.
- Talking to the children about ‘Catch it, Bin it, Kill it’ and modelling how to follow this in relation to coughs and sneezes.
- Reminding children to avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Making thorough cleaning of key areas a high priority including door handles, taps, tables at lunch time as well as before and after school. Toilets and lunch equipment too.
- To remind children to have their own water bottles in class and not to share equipment and/or lunch items or drinks

We would like to ask for your support by encouraging children to follow this at home.

If your child has suffered with sickness or diarrhoea, they must stay at home for 48 hours or until they are better. We want to safeguard our pupils, staff and visitors from the spread of the virus and so would like to ask that if your child is displaying symptoms of the virus, such as a raised temperature, cold/flu symptoms such as runny nose, cough, sore throat, and you believe that they may have been in contact with a confirmed case or someone who has travelled to the high risk countries, that you keep your child at home and monitor their symptoms. If they do not improve, please ring 111 or your GP’s surgery.

If you feel that your child is vulnerable due to an underlying medical condition, please call me to outline any additional needs they may have. If this is the case, in accordance with the advice provided, if you make a decision for your child to stay at home, their attendance record will not be affected.

If you find out that you or a family member has come into contact with someone who has travelled to a high risk country e.g. Italy, China, Iran, Hong Kong, then you must inform school and take advice from 111.

I have drawn up plans to minimise the disruption to children’s learning should a member of staff or child be confirmed with the virus and they include how we will provide education for your children if we are required to fully or partially close school.

So in summary, there is no reason for Bretherton Endowed to close at the moment but we are ready in case this is the advice.

If you require any additional information, please refer to this website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

I will keep you updated with regular communication should this situation change. I appreciate you may have questions so if you do, please don't hesitate to contact school on 01772 600431.

Kind regards,

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Head Teacher