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Dear Parents,

Tuesday 10th March - Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

The Government advice remains clear – that we must continue to prioritize cleanliness and sanitation. All members of the community have a role to play in this regard to ensure the appropriate steps are taken. In school, we are insisting that children are regularly washing their hands with soap and hot water. Hand sanitizing gel is also being used in classes.

Given the increase in the number of cases in Kent it is a reality that members of the school community and their close contacts may have been exposed to Covid-19. In this regard we are paying close attention to government guidance in relation to colleagues' and students' potential exposure to Covid-19. This currently states that *'If anyone has been in contact with a suspected case... no restrictions or special control measures are required while laboratory test results for COVID-19 are awaited. There is no need to close the setting or send other learners or staff home.'*

It goes on to state that if a case of COVID-19 is confirmed in the school community *'The educational setting will be contacted by the local Public Health England Health Protection Team to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and advise on any actions or precautions that should be taken. An assessment of each childcare or education setting will be undertaken by the Health Protection Team with relevant staff. Advice on the management of pupils or students and staff will be based on this assessment... Advice on cleaning of communal areas such as classrooms, changing rooms and toilets will be given by the Health Protection Team... If there is a confirmed case, a risk assessment will be undertaken by the educational establishment with advice from the local Health Protection Team. In most cases, closure of the childcare or education setting will be unnecessary'*

Should the guidance change and we are asked to close the school or parts of it, we plan to provide access to work for the children to do at home in 3 ways:

1. The school website: www.greenparkcps.co.uk
2. Our dedicated school Facebook pages and
3. Directing families to the BBC education resource pages.

If you do not have access to the internet at home, could you please let the office know, so that alternative arrangements can be made for your child, should the need arise.

We will continue to monitor this ever-changing situation and as always will take our guidance from Public Health England.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Hawkins
Head Teacher