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Dear Families,

Many of you will have heard the announcement made last night by the Government to move to the 'Delay' stage of their approach to managing the coronavirus outbreak. Both the government and the Department of Education have been very clear that schools must remain open unless advised otherwise by Public Health England; as a result I write to you to inform you that Grazebrook will remain open and continue to operate as usual.

The recommendations to prevent infection and reduce spread are to wash hands well and frequently and to use the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' strategy. As a school we are ensuring this message is conveyed clearly and regularly to all our pupils and staff. As well as communicating a consistent hygiene message we have also installed further hand sanitising points on entry to the school and further hand-washing stations in the KS2 playground. Hygiene facilities in the school are checked and replenished frequently. Children are also welcome to bring their own hand sanitising gel or cream with them.

For anyone who is worried about their own health or that of their children or family member, the advice to the public has now changed to recommend that those with any new, persistent cough or a fever should remain at home for 7 days. This is now regardless of whether individuals have travelled or come in to contact with someone with the virus.

Those who are concerned they have contracted coronavirus should use the online 111 questionnaire before calling 111, please see the link here:

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

We ask that should any of our school community be diagnosed with coronavirus that you inform the school.

The Department for Education have also released a telephone number for a coronavirus helpline which is open to all members of staff, parents and young people. The helpline is open from 8am until 6pm Monday through to Friday and can be contacted on 0800 046 8687.

The situation is changing frequently and is likely to continue to change. Further advice is available from the following sources:

<https://www.hackneyservicesforschools.co.uk/extranet/coronavirus-advice>

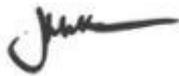
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

In the meantime, please ensure that the school has up to date contact details in case the situation or advice changes and we need to make contact. You can do this by calling the school office or emailing [GBoffice@newwavefederation.co.uk](mailto:GBoffice@newwavefederation.co.uk). Please also ensure that you are reporting any absences in the usual way via the school office.

Should you have any questions or queries, please approach us at the school gate or in the playground at the beginning or end of the school day. We will continue to write to you as the situation changes.

Best wishes,



Jess Hutchison  
**Headteacher**

