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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are monitoring the situation regarding Coronavirus COVID-19 on a daily basis and following guidance from Public Health England. However, given the current uncertainty, we wanted to update you on our contingency plans for a variety of scenarios, including a temporary closure if instructed to do so by Public Health England.

If a closure is advised, then all pupils will be provided with an appropriate pack of learning resources to be completed at home during this time. This will be supplemented with access to PURPLE MASH online learning platform for all children and daily tasks that have been set by the class teacher will be available to be completed. Letters with login details and guidance for use will be issued.

We would also hope that daily reading and times tables work is encouraged with all our children.

We hope that implementing such plans will not be necessary but we will endeavour to ensure that any potential disruption to our students' education is minimal. We are also reviewing all trips, events, fixtures and visits and will update as and when decisions are made. At present, this will be on a case by case basis.

In these circumstances, rumours on social media and online news outlets can sometimes cause confusion. To ensure reliable and clear communication from the school, our website www.whistonwillis.co.uk and twitter feed @whistonwillis1 will be used as the official method of communication in the event of temporary closure.

Our current intention is to reassure, not to alarm, and we are continuing with our advice to students to wash their hands carefully and cover their mouth when sneezing and coughing. Where available, regular use of hand sanitizer is advisable. So far, attendance of students and staff in our schools has been unaffected and we thank parents for their support in this. We will continue to keep you updated should the situation change. If you are concerned at all, please refer to the following website; <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you for your continued support and for your understanding in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Cooper

Principal

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