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Inspire Primary School Coronavirus- 3:30pm After School Update

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you're probably aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. We're getting in touch to let you know what we're doing in light of this, and what we expect from all of you, to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We'd like to reassure you that at our academies we're taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government.

What's the current situation?

- > The **school remains open** - this is the current official guidance we've been given
- > All school functions continue to run as normal (before and after school clubs)
- > If you, your child or anyone you live with has the following symptoms you must follow [guidance to stay at home](#):
 - > A new, continuous cough and/or
 - > A high temperature
- > If your child is unwell or is self-isolating, report this as you would normally by [phoning/ emailing school]
- > We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation

Vulnerable groups

- chronic (long-term) respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis
- chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
- chronic kidney disease
- chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis
- chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), a learning disability or cerebral palsy
- diabetes
- problems with your spleen - for example, sickle cell disease or if you have had your spleen removed
- a weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as HIV and AIDS, or medicines such as steroid tablets or chemotherapy

If you feel your child falls under any of the above, you need decide whether they should be in school.

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What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- Any children who have a cough or high temperature will be sent home
- Enhanced cleaning of all school sites
- Enforcing hand-washing at regular points during the school day
- Stopping whole-school assemblies and large group activities

What we need you to do

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via email
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It's a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. [BBC Newsround](#) has regular updates for younger children and [YoungMinds](#) has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we'll contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)

What happens if the school has to close?

We'll only close if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school.

In either case, we'll:

- Alert parents to any potential closures, via Face Book, Twitter, Class Dojo and Tapestry
- We are in the process of distributing home learning packs and also putting all resources on each school's website. (See new tab at top entitle Home Learning)

Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

If you have any questions

Please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- [NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111

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- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's [travel advice](#), if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

It's a tricky time and we know you're worried about the impact this might have on our community. It's important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

If, as parents, your job is deemed a 'key personnel' (health, emergency services and frontline council workers), could you email your school office to notify us.

Please be reassured we are constantly monitoring this situation and will update on a regular basis.

Thank you for your support and understanding at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Darling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping loop at the end of the name.

Rob Darling

Head of Education, Primary