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Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

We are continuing to monitor the situation regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) on a daily basis and are following the guidance from Public Health England for educational establishments. Given the current uncertainty, I wanted to update you on our contingency plans for a variety of scenarios.

Should the school be advised to close at any point, we will contact you via our text messaging service, the [school website](#) and our [Twitter](#) feed (@halebank_sch). Teaching staff are currently working hard to ensure that the curriculum for the three weeks leading up to the Easter break is mapped out; details will be posted on class pages, along with links to online resources, by Thursday morning. Should your child be absent during this time, but is well enough to complete the work, please follow the instructions on the class pages. If your child does not have internet access at home, please let us know so that we can prepare a pack of work, should this be required.

As a school staff, we have completed a risk assessment of the current situation. As a result, we have made a number of minor adjustments to some of our daily routines including snack time and access to the water fountain. I would ask that all pupils bring into school their own water bottles, rather than using school cups. We are also reviewing our programme of events and visits, and will update as and when decisions are made.

The most recent advice for anyone showing even mild symptoms of coronavirus (a new continuous dry cough and/or a high temperature) is to self-isolate for 7 days. More information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you or anyone in your home requires any specialist medical advice, please refer to the NHS 111 online service or call 111. Personal hygiene, such as washing hands with soap and water, continues to be the best way to prevent the spread of the disease.

I would like to reassure you once again that we are responding to the children's questions and concerns in a calm, sensitive and age appropriate manner. In addition, we are reminding them of the advice we are being given regarding handwashing and hygiene. Should you have any specific concerns or if you feel your child has a medical condition which you think the school needs to consider, please speak to a member of staff.

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

Yours sincerely

Mr R Harley