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Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are probably aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus.

At St Bede Trust and Childcare we are taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government.

Our current situation is as follows:

- The school/nursery remains open and we will do all we can to remain so.
- We have robust hygiene routines in place for cleaning the building.
- All school and nursery functions to run as normal
- Details of how parents are charged for nursery places/out of school club care during this time will be sent in a separate letter.
- Children should attend unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they should remain at home for 14 days:
 - a new, continuous cough and/or a temperature
 - If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by telephoning the venue.

We will keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation.

We ask parents and carers to:

- ensure the office has up to date contact details,
- check the website regularly for updates
- talk to your children about the coronavirus.
- make every effort to collect your child as soon as possible if requested.

We will only close if we are advised by the government to do so, or do not have enough staff to run safely.

In either case, we will:

- Let you know through Twitter and the website. Further details, including plans to re-open, will be supplied through this media.
- Advise specifically about how school age children should continue to access education from home.

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If you have any questions please consult the:

- School/nursery office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue, but not for advice about whether or not your child should be in school.
- 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.
- 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.

We appreciate that this is a difficult time and we know you may be worried about the impact this might have on your child as well as our community. It's important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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