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Dear Parents and Carers

In line with colleagues in schools across the town, I wanted to provide some reassurance in the light of everything that we are hearing about the Coronavirus.

It is undoubtedly a worry to us all, however schools are in receipt of good and timely advice which is updated regularly and we are being reassured that we should currently be carrying on as normal.

It goes without saying that basic hygiene steps are encouraged at Whitehill. These include regular hand washing and thorough cleaning of key 'touch points' each evening by our site staff.

At the present time, we will be going ahead with the Murder Mystery on Friday evening and we are still planning to hold our consultation evenings scheduled for 31st March and 1st April. Details for the latter will be coming home at the end of the week.

That being said, my leadership team, in consultation with the governing body are putting together an action plan should we be directed to close as part of an individual case or a blanket closure order from the government. Plans include ways to ensure teachers are able to set work for, and support pupils with this work, at home.

If your family has plans to travel abroad, we ask that you visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus just before your departure, for the most up to date advice. Please check advice for both your destination and any areas of planned stop offs.

Should you have any concerns about anyone in your family feeling unwell on your return, with symptoms you are at all worried about, please phone NHS 111 for advice before your child returns to school.

Taking basic hygiene precautions remains the best way to reduce the chances of spreading any virus: sneeze or cough into a tissue, bin it, wash your hands frequently and don't touch your face unless you've just washed your hands. Using a normal detergent to clean the surfaces people touch regularly is also sensible.

Thank you for helping us ensure our school community is kept as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Steve Mills
Headteacher

