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Dear Parents and Carers,

I appreciate that there is great concern in the local community about the Coronavirus, Covid 19, so I will continue to email you regularly to reassure you and inform you about any updated news and advice we receive.

As you are all aware over the weekend there was a confirmed case of Coronavirus in a member of staff at Willow Bank Infant School in Woodley. The Local Authority have informed us that the infected member of staff is now in hospital, and the colleagues and children with whom they had close contact have been contacted and advised to self-isolate and / or monitor for symptoms. The school has closed because of the number of staff who are off work as a result of isolation advice, not because attending the school will put people at risk.

They went on to say, Willow Bank Junior School and Aldrynton Primary School have also taken the decision to close temporarily as a precautionary measure, and not because the schools pose any risk to anyone attending the schools. Willow Bank Junior School to deep clean due to the proximity of the building and cross traffic between the schools sharing the Willow Bank site, and Aldrynton due to staff training that took place and was attended by the infected staff member. Again, attending these schools will not put people at risk.

Wokingham's advice from Public Health England is that the current level of risk is low and that schools can and should remain open.

Yesterday, the DfE launched a new advice line for schools, should you have further concerns or would like advice:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

From a Highwood perspective:

- We have been in contact with our cleaning providers to make sure that higher risk areas, such as surfaces and door handles, are the main priority during the cleaning procedures.
- We have purchased additional hand gels for classrooms.
- Children are washing hands regularly and understand the importance of doing this.

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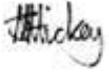
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- All users of the school, including external lettings, have be communicated with and understand the hygiene expectations when they use the school site.
- We are reviewing the school diary to look at any event that may increase the risk of spreading germs. Please note that some Wokingham events (such as WASMA) are currently still going ahead and we will take advice from the Local Authority about this moving forward.

As I receive further updates, I will email again to keep everyone fully aware of the evolving situation.
Thank you for your support.



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