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Dear parents,

The coronavirus epidemic continues to spread around the world and, if it is not yet in Turkey, it is certainly on our borders. It is incumbent upon every member of our community to ensure that we keep it out of school if at all possible. The maids are disinfecting door handles and surfaces throughout the school throughout the day, we have hand sanitizing units outside every bathroom, further hand sanitizing units will be put in place in the security building, at the entrance to all buildings and in the canteen - please use them when you enter the school or any of the school buildings. Remember to wash your hands regularly. If you are coughing and sneezing please use a tissue and dispose of it immediately afterwards, then wash and sanitize your hands. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow. It is thought that the virus can live on surfaces for up to 24 hours, using hand sanitizers will help to prevent you picking the virus up from surfaces.

[This is a link to some useful advice](#)

If you or a member of your immediate family have recently travelled to highly infected areas - currently listed as China, South Korea, Iran or Northern Italy - you should not be in school but should be self-isolating. We ask parents to be responsible about this, refusing to keep children home when you are fully aware that they could have been exposed to this virus is extremely irresponsible and shows a high level of disregard for the safety of the entire community. Please treat this epidemic seriously and do not put your convenience above the safety of the whole community.

Teaching staff have been instructed to provide work for any student who is currently self-isolating, let us hope that we do not have to do so for all of our students.

Several letters have gone home about the current situation, please talk to your children to ensure that they understand the basic hygiene rules to help stop the spread of this virus and its associated disease Covid-19. The most recent letter went out in English, Korean and Turkish, from today we add Arabic and Farsi to that list

We all need to work together to keep coronavirus out of our community. Please make sure that you are playing your part!

William Bradley

