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Coronavirus

Dear Parents

As you will be aware the World Health Organization, the NHS and other agencies are promoting health care practices to protect ourselves and others from coronavirus. Regular and thorough hand washing is considered crucial in the fight to avoid picking up the disease and all RGS boys will watch/have watched a short video on handwashing in form period. You may want to go over this video again with your sons at home: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/health-51637561/coronavirus-watch-how-germs-spread> We are checking school toilets daily for soap but you may wish to send your son into school with alcohol-based hand sanitiser as well.

In accordance with the NHS and DfE COVID-19 Guidance for Educational Settings, we are also instructing boys on the following advice. It would be helpful if you could reiterate this advice at home:

- *Wash your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport.*
- *Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin.*
- *Students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:*
 - *before leaving home*
 - *on arrival at school*
 - *after using the toilet*
 - *after breaks and sporting activities*
 - *before food preparation*
 - *before eating any food, including snacks*
 - *before leaving school*
- *Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.*

As with all matters to do with health if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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