Dear Parents/Carers

As the country adapts to the changing threat of the Coronavirus, the school will continue to take steps to protect the staff and children at St Thomas More. We are planning the following steps as of Thursday 12th March.

Gates open at 08:50. All children will be directed into the school building to wash their hands and go directly to their class where they will be supervised until the normal start of the school day. All children are required to wash their hands before lunch (school meal or a packed lunch). At the end of the day, lessons will stop early for children to wash their hands before being collected by parents/carers. Children attending the Hopscotch Breakfast Club will wash their hands as they enter school and children staying after school will wash their hands before leaving.

The upcoming music festival, at St Thomas More Secondary School, has been postponed until the summer term. Whilst there has been no advice from the Government about local travel, I have decided to postpone the Year 2 trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum in order to reduce children's collective exposure on public transport and in the museum.

I am receiving daily updates from the Government and regular messages from the Local Authority about how to respond to protect our children. I will continue to pass on any advice or changes to school provision. There are no plans to close the school, but the Government's action plan this week has not ruled that out as a possible action in the near future. If you wish to seek medical advice, please call 111 for NHS Direct. For any other advice, please contact the Department for Education helpline:

0800 046 8687
Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

If parents have any additional questions or concerns, please email Mrs Power on sao@stmprimary.org. Lastly, if you are able to access large quantities of hand sanitiser, please contact the School Office.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School

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