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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus Update

We are writing to update you on the current picture around Coronavirus and schools. As you will know from the news, the government advice is to keep schools open and that they are a safe place for children and staff to attend. We are grateful to all of you for your support during these exceptional circumstances.

The national advice around student absence has now changed as follows:

SHOULD MY CHILD BE IN SCHOOL? REVISED GUIDELINES:

New Government advice was released last night, which will affect your decision as to whether to send your child to school. This is:

Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms i.e.

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough

Keep you, your child/children at home in self-isolation for 14 days if anyone in your household is showing the signs of coronavirus. These 14 days are for everyone in the house – even if they currently seem fine - starting from the day the first person in the household exhibits symptoms, not 14 days for each person in the house.

Please be aware that the government is advising us to isolate and send home any students showing the symptoms of coronavirus. These are national guidelines and not an individual policy of our academy. Please help us by not sending your children to school if you are in doubt about their symptoms so we do not have to isolate them and contact you during the school day.

CLOSING THE SCHOOL:

We will do all we can to keep our school open – we know we are a key part of our community. We appreciate an open school helps you to be able to work as well helping our children to enjoy the best education possible.

If the government change their advice and ask us to close, we will follow their guidelines and keep you informed by letter and through our digital platforms including our website.

PARTIAL CLOSURE:

Because of the new guidelines around self-isolation or because of growing infection, if we no longer have enough staff to run at full capacity, we will have to decide to partially close for some year groups. You will understand that our first priority will be to ensure critical learning for our examination years, and then our youngest and most vulnerable students. Again, we will do all we can to keep you informed of this in as clear and as timely way as possible, but please understand this is a rapidly changing and fluid situation for us to manage.

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SCHOOL EVENTS/TRIPS/PARENTS EVENINGS

To help focus on keeping lessons running straightforwardly and to help you manage your commitments as families we are stopping or reducing large school events. **We will now postpone all trips, shows and parents' evenings until further notice.**

EXAM/TEST RESOURCES

We will make key resources for Year 11 and 13 and other year groups available in the following ways: Teachers will set work for their classes via Show My Homework. If your child has a query, they can communicate with their teacher via Show My Homework. The work set by teachers may make use of resources already available or ask pupils to use various online learning systems to which pupils already have access. We know that the overwhelming majority of pupils have internet access at home or via a mobile phone. However, we appreciate that some pupils may not. If this is the case, we will ensure that alternative arrangements are made. If this affects your child, please could you telephone the school reception to let us know. This will help us to plan and ensure that communication is as clear as possible if the need arises.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

The government and examination boards are exploring the best ways to support the forthcoming examination seasons. We will update you all once there is further guidance on this provision.

Thank you again for your support.

These are challenging times for all of us and we wish you all the very best in staying safe and keeping healthy.

Yours faithfully

Matt Robertson
Principal