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Dear Parent/Carers

Parent information – Coronavirus Update

In light of ongoing concerns regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) the school would like to provide parent/carers with an update confirming that we will remain open and operating as normal; this decision is informed by the ongoing advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England as well as the Trust's Health and Safety Officer.

If your child is well they should continue to attend as usual. The school will keep parent/carers updated via the normal communication channels in the event there is a school closure. The latest accurate information on coronavirus (COVID-19), including the current situation in the UK and details about the virus and its symptoms, can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

It is important that all members of the school community continue to take precautionary measures to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus. Following the published guidance is that the best way to do this, the guidance suggests:

- Washing your hands often - with soap and water. This is particularly important after taking public transport.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin.

If parent/carers have any specific health concerns about their child they should inform the school however it is important that the published guidance is followed, namely:

- Call NHS 111, or 999 in an emergency (if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk), and if appropriate, explain which country they have returned from in the last 14 days. You can do this on their behalf if this is easier. People who become unwell should be advised not to go to their GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.

As is appropriate in the current circumstances the school is taking steps to ensure in the event of school closure we are in a position to provide learning resources for students. These will be shared to students and parent/carers online. Please can I ask that you contact your child's Head of Year if you do not have access to the internet at home. Once we are made aware we will prepare alternative arrangements for these students.

I do appreciate the support of parent/carers and I encourage you to continue to communicate with the school so that we are well informed and able to follow appropriate guidance.

With very best wishes.

Yours faithfully



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