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Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus Update Tuesday 17th March 2020

As you are aware the Prime Minister announced new measures last night to be put in place as part of the continued phase to delay the COVID-19 outbreak. The government policy that schools should stay open remains, although closures may be necessary 'at the right stage' of the outbreak.

Our overwhelming priority is the continued health and well-being of all within our community and their families. At the same time, continuing to provide an education as best we can in the circumstances, with a particular focus on doing everything we can to ensure Year 11 students sitting external exams are catered for.

Latest Government advice 16.03.2020

Please can parents and carers familiarise themselves with the most recent guidance about those displaying symptoms:

1. If your child is displaying symptoms of a continuous cough and/or fever please do not send them to school.
Advice is for your child and the whole household to self-isolate for 14 days.
2. If a member of your household is displaying the above symptoms please do not send your children to school.
Advice is for the whole household to self-isolate for 14 days.

We totally understand that some parents/carers will have concerns about their children, particularly those who have underlying health issues. We are encouraging you to make the judgement about your child as you know them best and this decision is yours to make. Please can parents and carers contact school and let us know if you are self-isolating for the above reasons.

The government also announced that the public should take measures to ensure an increase in social distancing. School will be taking the following additional measures in line with this guidance:

- Cancellation of all school trips or events up until the Easter break in the first instance
- Cancellation of any planned events in school i.e. Year Group Collective Worship, Assemblies etc
- Cancellation of any external staff training events
- Cancellation of any staff training events taking place on school site
- Cancellation of all Primary School partnership events
- Cancellation of the Tuesday Community mass
- Cancellation of all Sporting fixtures
- Increase in cleaning hours to accommodate more regular cleaning of surfaces and touchpoints

- As a precaution any students or staff displaying symptoms of a continuous cough and/or high temperature will be isolated and sent home for self-isolation for 14 days. ***Please can you discuss with your child the serious implications of stating that they have these symptoms.***

We will close the school if directed by the government/Public Health England or if we do not have enough staff to run the school. We will inform you via the MyEd app and will issue a statement on our school website, official Facebook page and send out an email. If we know the length of closure this will be clearly stated. We will inform you when we will reopen via the same methods.

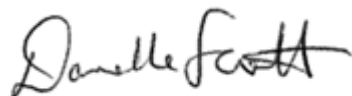
Staff have been working around the clock to organise work and set up online learning in preparation for a school closure. The school is well on its way to ensuring Year 11 are catered for whilst setting up online systems to support the learning of other year groups. Please keep in mind that we are only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently NO PLANS TO CLOSE.

We will endeavour to keep parents and carers informed as much as possible and detailed information will be sent out if we have to announce a partial or full closure.

Thank you in advance of your support and understanding at this challenging time, it is at times like this that our special community spirit is at full strength. The staff have been truly amazing, our students are visibly making efforts to follow hygiene and handwashing guidance and parents have been supportive and understanding during such a worrying time.

I will keep you updated as and when I know more

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danielle Scott', written in a cursive style.

Mrs D Scott
Principal