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Dear Parents and Carers

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update

I am writing to update you on the situation school in light of the most recent government advice.

Pupils who should not be in school – for full details please see the link forwarded yesterday by text message: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If a student or a member of their household displays symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

If anyone in the household starts to display symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period.

Work for self-isolating students

As we have already stated, staff are preparing for the possibility of students having to work from home. Our priority continues to be supporting Year 11 and Year 13 students who are preparing for public examinations. However, we will provide work for all year groups. Work should start to be available online by the end of today – accessible via the school website, details will follow by text message. Students can also access BBC Bitesize, Hegarty Maths, Seneca Learning and GCSE Pod for older students.

If Internet access is not possible for your son or daughter, please contact the school.

Potential School Closure

Currently, schools are expected to stay open. However, as things change daily, at some point we may be instructed by the Government to close. In addition, some school staff also need to self-isolate. If we do not have enough staff for the school to run as normal, we will have to close to some year groups. Once again, we will prioritise older students who are preparing for examinations. If it became unavoidable, we could not rule out full closure. At present we remain open to all year groups.

Should any of the above scenarios regarding closure arise, we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. This will be done by text message and the school website.



Cancelled Events

We are cancelling all non-essential activities and events. We will update (groups of) parents, as and when. There are no after school clubs or activities at present and until further notice. School will finish for students at 3:20pm each day until further notice.

Department for Education

There is a helpline available to schools, which can also be used by parents:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

We will keep you updated on any developments and thank you for your support and co-operation. We wish all families associated with our school well at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Juric
Head Teacher