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Dear Parent/Carer,

**COVID-19:** Please find below an update on school procedures and information regarding the new guidance from the government;

- The School does **not** have any confirmed cases of COVID-19. We are continuing to encourage students to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses by washing their hands etc. Students are expected to attend school as normal. Were a member of staff or student to present symptoms of coronavirus, the school would of course take appropriate action as directed by Public Health England and would contact parents to let them know what steps we were taking
- The guidance for those with confirmed or possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection was updated yesterday. This has implications for any students or staff who feel unwell. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or high temperature. The key message from the guidance is that if you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, **stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days** from when your symptoms started. If your child needs to stay at home, please contact the School to inform us of the absence in the normal manner.
- **School closure** - The School has no plans to close and the government clarified yesterday that it is not directing schools to close.
  - The government is keeping this situation under review, however, so the School has been considering how it might continue the pupils' education if forced to close.
  - We plan to distribute work for pupils via a number of methods including Google Classroom and email. We will inform all students of the procedures if a school closure occurs.
- **Examinations** - The GCSE and A-Level schedule remains unchanged. The latest information from OFQUAL is to continue to prepare for exams and other assessments as normal. They will inform us if this situation changes
- **Travel Abroad** - The government issued a statement yesterday advising against all overseas education trips for children under 18. The School has several such trips in the calendar and so will contact tour operators and insurers today to discuss the implications. We will write separately to those affected when we have some more information.

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- **Parents Evenings and after school events** – we will postpone all large-scale events for the near future to reduce the risk of infection. We will contact you regarding each individual event with an update as we get near to the event date. The upcoming **Post 18 Options Evening on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March and the Year 8 Parent’s Evening on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March have both been postponed.** We will contact you with further information shortly.

We are constantly looking at the latest updates from the DfE so that we can ensure our advice to you, and the care of our students whilst in school, is the best that we can offer.

Please see the DfE’s advice and key messages on the next page.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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## ADVICE FROM the DFE:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-government-announces-moving-out-of-containment-phase-and-into-delay>

As per the current advice, the most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves remains washing their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Make sure you cough or sneeze into a tissue, put it in a bin and wash your hands.

We are asking anyone who shows certain symptoms to self-isolate for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means we want people to stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

The symptoms are: \* A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above) \* A new, continuous cough

You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

### Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection

### Key Messages

- if you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started.
- this action will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious.
- plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home.
- ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home.
- stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible.
- sleep alone, if that is possible.
- wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.
- stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible.
- you do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact [NHS 111 online](https://111.nhs.uk). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

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