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Dear Parent or Carer

I am again writing to update you on the actions we are taking in school regarding Coronavirus. We continue to follow nationally agreed advice and we have support from the local authority in managing this issue. We continue to reinforce key messages around personal hygiene, hand washing and 'catching, killing and binning' coughs and sneezes. We have also developed a risk assessment which the Leadership team are reviewing daily.

Included for you below is the link to the NHS website, should you believe you or your child might be infected:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We understand you may make attendance decisions according to government advice. **To clarify, pupils and staff should not attend school if they show symptoms of the virus (new, persistent cough or a high temperature) and it is important to follow the advice issued by Public Health England. Anyone displaying these specific symptoms should self-isolate for seven days.**

Should you choose to self-isolate your child, please ensure that the school Attendance Officer is informed at the point you make this decision. The number to contact is – 773 6436 option 1.

We have a contingency plan should full or partial closure be required. This will ensure a continuity of education for all, but especially Year 11. We will maintain lines of communication with parents, carers, pupils and staff via text, our website and social media. We will be using Show My Homework to set appropriate work for pupils. Details of these will be shared with pupils, parents and carers if needed.

We have already begun limiting meetings and school events. Sporting fixtures will be postponed from today onwards.

Any school closure will be communicated via the usual means of text and email, supported by social media. This may happen quickly depending on guidance from local and national government. We will also provide information on our website and you can use the general email address for all enquires as normal.

Please be reassured that all decisions will be taken in the best interest of the health and wellbeing of children and the wider school community. I would be grateful if parents could follow my twitter account, as this is the easiest way to share simple information.

Our aim over the coming weeks will be to educate the pupils and reduce anxiety. It is important that we remember that children appear to face only minor symptoms.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Foley

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