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Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus update 2

This letter is just to update you on where we are at the moment and our contingency planning for the next few weeks.

We are giving you all the updates as we get them from the DfE and as you are probably aware we have a lot of students and families who are now self-isolating after following Government advice.

Please rest assured we are still doing everything we can, as a school, to keep everyone safe and these are the measures we are still following and the new measures that have been introduced:

1. Washing hands and using hand sanitizer is still our utmost priority and we are continually watching students, staff and visitors to ensure that this is done.
2. The cleaning of the school is still a high priority, with special attention on key areas such as bannisters, communal areas, toilets etc.
3. We are discussing symptoms with students to make sure that they are all aware and can alert us if they suspect they have any symptoms. Thank you to parents/carers who are also keeping us informed of the situation at home.
4. We have cancelled all assemblies, fixtures, external visitors and trips for the foreseeable future.
5. We are uploading work to Google Classroom so that students can keep on top of their work, should they already be self-isolating.
6. Teachers are already in the process of planning additional lessons which can be accessed online as more students stay at home. Please find attached a copy of our Parent/Carer guide which gives you more information on this and what to do in the event of the school closing its doors and lessons going online. **I would like to stress how important it is for everyone to read this guidance**, if you do not understand anything or you have questions, please contact us.
7. Should you need a Chromebook for your son/daughter to work on please can you let the school know as soon as possible.
8. We are still looking into the GCSE exam situation and, at the moment, this still remains the same as we stated in our last letter. If this changes we will be in touch.

With your help, by keeping calm, by keeping an eye on the website and our Facebook page for updates and guidance, and by following the guidance provided by the government we will still be able to provide an education for each student during this difficult time. Isolation in itself can be a daunting and scary process and without some sort of structure or routine, loneliness and boredom can soon set in. Hopefully our school day plan will help parents/carers maintain routines in these strange times.

Please stay in touch, especially if you are feeling isolated, are struggling or would just like to say "hello", we are still here for you. Likewise, please keep an eye on the vulnerable members of your local community and offer a hand if you can.

Yours sincerely

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