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Dear Parent

**Response to the latest guidance from the Government with regards to the Coronavirus**

Yesterday evening's announcement by the Prime Minister has provided some greater clarity on social distancing and the need for members of our school community who have serious underlying health issues to work at home – this needs to be the case for students and members of staff.

In light of this, I ask that those students with such medical conditions do not come to school. Work will be set via Google and if Google access is not possible at home, then please let us know by telephoning us on the school number 01753 520473 and we can post work home. This is a really sensible precaution to ensure our young people remain well. There is no need to be concerned about attendance record. In these difficult circumstances the absence from learning in school will be recorded appropriately. Please do not hesitate to be in contact if you need some further advice/would like to discuss individual circumstances.

With regards to taking sensible precautions we need to reiterate that if any young person is unwell, then they should stay away from school. If the symptoms are either high temperature or continuous coughing, then it is essential that the self-isolation prescribed by the Government and Medical Experts is pursued. It was made clear that they and their families need to self-isolate. We ask that this clear guidance is pursued and that no young person is sent to school when they are poorly. If any young person does come to school evidently unwell, we will contact home and require them to return home.

Thank you, as always, for your support and understanding. It is fully appreciated that this is a very difficult time and there may be many concerns. Please do not hesitate to be in contact if there is any issue/concern/question you have. I will continue to provide regular updates when circumstances change or when we have a need to take particular action.

I hope you and your family are keeping well.

Very best wishes.



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