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Dear parent/carer

We understand that you may have queries or concerns regarding the potential spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). I want to assure you that since the start of the outbreak we have been following all government advice and will continue to do so as part of the broader national effort to limit to the spread of Coronavirus. We receive a daily update from the Department for Education with the latest information from Public Health England and have access to Public Health England and Department for Education helplines, as well as support from local services.

We have enhanced our cleaning activities in all schools in line with government advice and continue to impress upon staff and our young people the crucial importance of good hand and facial hygiene. Should you have concerns about any symptoms or contact your child may have had with other people who have travelled to restricted areas or who have symptoms, I would urge you to visit the NHS 111 online coronavirus tool at <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19> . Here you can answer a few simple questions and you will be directed what to do next. This service is suitable for anyone, including young people. Further information and up-to-date information is available at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>.

There is also a Department for Education Coronavirus helpline on 0800 046 868 which is open to schools and parents.

It is likely that the government will move the country from the contain phase to the delay phase imminently. At this point, advice around the circumstances for self-isolation may change. We have planned for this scenario and for other possible eventualities. We will send further information out to you as soon as any change happens.

There are a number of trips and visits and social events planned over the next few weeks. We have a dynamic and ongoing risk-assessment process in place and we are monitoring issues around trips daily. We are drawing on Public Health England and Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) information and support and guidance from local authorities. We will inform you of any changes to arrangements if they arise.

Our staff are continuing to work with professionalism in responding to the changing situation. I am grateful for the support of parents and the sensible response of our pupils and students at this time.

Kind regards

Jonny Uttley
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