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Dear All,

I am writing to update you with our plans in response to the government announcement this evening regarding the coronavirus. I'm sure that everyone is aware but the latest advice includes:

- If any person in a household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days
- Large social gatherings should be avoided
- Schools will remain open for now

Although we had relatively few children and only a couple of members of staff absent from school today (we still do not have any confirmed cases of coronavirus amongst students or staff), the new advice this evening will undoubtedly lead to greater absence **from tomorrow**. Whilst school will remain open this week (apart **from on Wednesday** when we have our INSET day), we will have to consider a partial closure if significant numbers of staff are unable to come in. This would mean that one or more year groups would have to stay at home. We will update you about this on Wednesday when we have a better idea of what the staffing impact is **from tomorrow**.

We have also taken the decision to postpone Year 12 Parents Evening which is due to take place **this Thursday**. Given that this will not be happening, there will be no need to run an accelerated day and school will therefore finish at the normal time of 3.30pm.

All other fixtures, trips and events are under review and we will update you further about this on Wednesday.

I appreciate that these are challenging times but please be assured that whilst the school remains open we will be doing everything we can to ensure the well-being of the children. I hope it brings some comfort to know that for the most part, we enjoyed a "normal" day at school today and we shall endeavour to keep it business as usual for as long as we can.

Please keep us informed if your child is absent from school.

Thank you for your continued support and please do contact us if you are unduly concerned about your child. I will be in touch again on Wednesday with a further update.

God bless,

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