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Dear Parents

We are not aware of any cases of Covid-19 that affect our school community currently. Following on from the Prime Minister's latest briefing on the Covid-19 pandemic – 12th March 2020 - we need to now provide all of our parents and families with up to date guidance and important information that needs to be consistently and rigorously followed by us all for the benefit of the entire community.

The most important and critical change, now that we have moved into the delay phase, is as follows:

- Anyone who now presents with a new persistent cough and/or a fever **must** now self-isolate at home for 7 days.
- We all have the responsibility to do this and it is imperative that everyone makes prompt decisions and takes the correct action without hesitation.
- At home this will mean you deciding if your child is displaying the symptoms of a new persistent cough and/or fever and keeping them at home for the full 7 days.
- At school, if a child is displaying symptoms we will contact parents to collect them immediately; they will then need to be at home for the full 7 days.

The health and well-being of students and staff is our top priority and at all times we are following advice and guidance from Public Health England. This is an unprecedented situation and it is essential that we stick to the facts and not be influenced by headlines and social media. To be clear, school closures are not part of the current plan, it is business as usual. Should this advice change parents will be informed by school.

Further guidance, including guidance about self-isolation, can be found at www.gov.uk and follow the link to the "Coronavirus (Covid-19): UK government response" section of the website.

We have and continue to make clear contingency plans and we will continue to keep you updated on the situation from the school's perspective.
Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



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