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Dear Parent/Carer

Yesterday we were given new and direct guidance from the Government to ensure we are protecting ourselves and the communities in which we live. As a school we are taking advice from Public Health England, as we have done throughout the last two weeks. We will therefore remain open until advised otherwise by Public Health England or it becomes logistically impossible to do so. As a school we have a duty to ensure we continue to provide education for our pupils, and to protect the most vulnerable in our community and support our families. We are taking all practical measures to minimise the risks to pupils and staff. We have cancelled all school trips, after-school sports fixtures and practices until further notice. Period 6 for Year 11 pupils will, however, continue to run as this is a key priority. We are no longer allowing external visitors into school, unless it is an emergency and parental meetings will be taking place via the telephone. No headteacher wants to send a message like this but I hope you will understand that we have taken these difficult decisions in the best interests of our school community.

We will continue to operate as normally as possible and pupils who are preparing for exams should assume that they will go ahead as planned. However, all parents' evenings have been cancelled until further notice. For pupils who are currently at home ill or in self-isolation, they can access all our classroom resources on 'Google Classroom'. All staff are currently working hard to ensure all learning can continue, even if our pupils are unable to come into school, and we will be updating these resources regularly. Specific guidance regarding self-isolation is provided below.

The latest current guidance and advice is: "If one person in any household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days." It is important that all in our school are following this advice to restrict any possible transmission of the virus.

If you are concerned about the transmission of the virus at home due to family members having serious, underlying health issues, family members living in the household who are over 70 or if members of your household are pregnant, the advice at this time would be to self-isolate.

Please see this important advice regarding vulnerable group and social distancing:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

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We are receiving updates from the DFE with regards to the Coronavirus. Due to the fast-evolving nature of this situation, however, it is important that you use the following link to the UK Government's Coronavirus (COVID-19) webpage for the most up-to-date information. You can access this information by clicking the link below:

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

Please see the following posts for helpful information from Young Minds about how to discuss with your child about Covid-19:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/talking-to-your-child-about-coronavirus/>

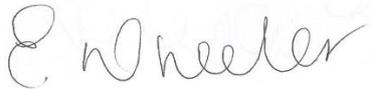
<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-re-anxious-about-coronavirus/>

If you have any questions, please contact the school office or the NHS 111 online Coronavirus service for medical advice. You should only call 111 if you cannot get help online.

I will continue to provide further updates as and when they become available.

Thank you for your continued support for our school and community

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. Wheeler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Mrs E Wheeler  
HEADTEACHER