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Dear Parents and Carers

Corona Virus Update

Some of you will be increasingly concerned over the risks this virus presents, given the rising number of confirmed cases in the UK.

We receive daily updates from the Department of Education. As it stands, their current advice remains the same, the best prevention is to wash hands regularly using soap and hot water for a period of 20 seconds regularly throughout the day and to catch sneezes and coughs into a tissue. All teachers for this purpose have 60% alcohol hand sanitiser and tissues in their classrooms and all toilets across the College are open throughout the day.

The Department for Education's advice is as follows;

- washing your hands often - with soap and water or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin.
- people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting
- pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - before leaving home
 - on arrival at school
 - after using the toilet
 - after breaks and sporting activities
 - before food preparation
 - before eating any food, including snacks
 - before leaving school
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces



- if you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

In addition, OFQUAL's advice for parents of students in Years 11 and 13, who are due to sit examinations this Summer, is to prepare for these as normal and OFQUAL are continuing to work with the Department for Education in planning for a number of possibilities, should the need arise.

For any parents/carers whose children are attending the ski trip at Easter, we are continuing to monitor all available guidance and at present, there are no concerns about their destination and the trip will go ahead as planned.

The Department for Education have introduced a helpline, which can answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. This helpline can be contacted as follows;

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

The very latest information with regards to the virus can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Kindest regards



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