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Dear Parents and Carers

Due to the escalation of concern reported by the government and the latest advice, I wanted to take the opportunity to assure you that we continue to be open and will be endeavouring to maintain a 'business as usual' standing as much as possible.

There is also an accompanying letter from WeST that I would advise you to read that contains additional guidance.

In the first instance, we continue to have plenty of cleaning products, sanitiser and tissues available for all staff and students and we continue to promote good hygienic practices. Please be assured that all toilets are open throughout the day and we are continually checking soap and towel supplies. In addition, hard surfaces in classrooms are cleaned down at the end of each break and at the end of the day. Please can we remind the young people in our care that our toilet facilities must be treated with respect, so that our staff aren't placed in a more vulnerable position and we can continue to prioritise the right things.

We do appreciate that some of our students may have health vulnerabilities and/or live with family members who do. Where this applies, please email or phone us and we will authorise absence if required in these exceptional circumstances. At present, can I please advise students self-isolating at home to make good use of the portal on our website, online learning platforms such as 'Show My Homework', BBC Bitesize and Sparx etc as teacher's priorities will still be to deliver lessons in the classroom and to maintain a normal presence in the classroom.

We are taking additional measures to keep everyone in the College safe which include;

- Postponement of Parents Evenings until further notice
- Cancellation or postponement of all sporting fixtures
- Cancellation or postponement of any trips/visits
- Closing of the College leisure facilities after school hours
- Cancellation of any non-urgent meetings

The above extends to all parties. Please be advised that we have prevented all external visitors coming on to site, this includes peripatetic music teachers and external cover. Any staff absence will be managed internally. Please may I ask that any meetings are conducted over the phone or via email/google hangout as much as possible.



These are extraordinary times and levels of anxiety will be accordingly high. We have delivered a tutor presentation this morning to all students to remind them of the best practice to keep themselves safe and also to sensitively reduce anxiety and support our students as best as we can.

Can I please remind all parents and carers that if a member of your household presents with a high temperature or persistent cough to visit the NHS website and keep the young person off school for the period of 14 days. Please advise us in these circumstances so that we can update our records accordingly. All absence related to this illness will be coded consistently and will not impact on any attendance measures.

We will continue to stay in touch. Please take care.

Kindest regards



Wendy Ainsworth
Principal