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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, the government recently updated their guidance with regard to coronavirus. The Department for Education has also issued additional guidance to schools. I wanted to write to keep you fully up to date with the most recent advice and hopefully answer any questions that you may have.

**School closures:**

The government has advised **against** school closures at this point. As a result, we will remain open to all pupils and continue with business as usual. If this changes, we will contact parents immediately via text message.

Staff are preparing work for all pupils to access in the event that the academy is forced to close. In the event of this, we will publish this on the academy website and give out a paper copy.

**What to do if your child feels unwell:**

The following symptoms have been identified by the government:

- A new and continuous cough and/or
- a high temperature or fever (above 37.8 degrees)

If your child presents with these symptoms, you should seek advice from the 111 on-line service ([www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19)). If it is necessary for your child to be absent, please contact the school attendance team in the usual way.

**Trips and visits:**

The current advice from the DfE is that all school trips abroad are cancelled but that local trips can still go ahead (subject to new risk assessments). We have already received notification from some event organisers who have withdrawn/delayed events. Please be aware that it is likely that there will be some disruption to future school trips and events. We will aim to update pupils, parents and carers in a timely manner.

**Hygiene:**

The academy takes hygiene very seriously. In addition to our standard cleaning routine, we have increased the sanitation of high touch areas such as railing and door handles. We have also installed additional hand sanitiser dispensers around the academy and distributed posters to all classrooms to remind pupils about the importance of handwashing.

Please be rest assured that the welfare of all pupils and staff remains our priority and we continue to follow all advice given by the DfE and the government. We will continue with our regular update to parents/carers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

