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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Covid 19 (Coronavirus) Important Update

As you may be aware the government changed its guidance today in relation to the Covid -19 outbreak (Coronavirus)

This guidance is below and should be followed by **all students** effective immediately if they have the following symptoms:

- new continuous cough, and/or high temperature
- high temperature

The main messages are:

- If students have symptoms of coronavirus infection as stated above, however mild, do not come to college, stay at home and do not leave the house for 7 days from when the symptoms started.
- This action will help protect others in the community whilst they are infectious.
- Stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in their home whenever possible.
- Sleep alone (own room), if that is possible.
- Wash their hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.
- Stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible.
- You do not need to call NHS111 if your child needs to go into self-isolation at this stage.

Ending self-isolation

- Students should remain at home until 7 days after the onset of their symptoms.
- After 7 days, if they feel better and no longer have a high temperature, they can return to their normal routine.
- If a student has not had any signs of improvement and you have not already sought medical advice, you should contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111.
- A cough may persist for several weeks in some people, despite the coronavirus infection having cleared.
- A persistent cough alone does not mean students must continue to self-isolate for more than 7 days.



No national recommendations about social distancing have been introduced at this stage for anyone.

Therefore, if students have the symptoms mentioned above they **must not** come into college and will need to remain at home for 7 days (including weekends) from the immediate onset of symptoms. All parents/ carers have a duty to inform the college immediately if their child has these symptoms and is required to stay at home for 7 days. Parents should do this by phoning the college and informing Mrs D. Carr the college Attendance and Welfare Officer.

If a student presents with these symptoms whilst at college, we will contact parents straight away who will be asked to come and collect their child and take them home to self-isolate immediately. Whilst the student remains on site we will follow Public Health England guidance to isolate them in the correct way and follow procedures for disinfecting the college once they have left the site.

Please note that all college staff have been informed that they must also follow this updated guidance with immediate effect. I will continue to monitor the advice from Public Health England and will update parents/carers accordingly. Thank you for your continued support at this time.

Yours Sincerely



Ms F Corcoran

Principal