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Dear Parent

Updated COVID Advice – Tuesday 17th March 2020

As many of you will be aware, following the announcement from the Prime Minister last week, and despite the prediction that cases of coronavirus will increase, schools are to remain open for now.

This means that the likelihood of a student, parent or staff member becoming unwell is inevitably increasing.

Where a student or staff member is self-isolating the national advice is that schools remain open and the current guidance states that, should there be a confirmed case within our school community, Public Health England will advise on appropriate and proportionate next steps.

I am not aware of any confirmed cases that affect our school community currently. However, students must not come into school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- a) Fever
- b) Persistent dry cough
- c) Shortness of breath

I am also asking students and staff to remain at home if they have someone within the household who is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 and are self-isolating. This includes siblings of students who have been sent home this week.

If you or your child are presenting with symptoms you should self-isolate for at least 14 days and if you are worried in any way that you or your child may have contracted coronavirus you should contact NHS 111 to seek advice. Please then notify the school. For any students who are self-isolating we will ensure work for each class is provided through the Microsoft Teams app as we already do with homework.

If your child has an underlying medical condition, please follow current medical advice, which may involve social-distancing when no symptoms have presented themselves. Any absence will be classified as authorised and sanctions will not be in place.

I would like to reassure you that the health and wellbeing of students and staff is our top priority; we will seek to maintain normal education for as long as possible.

Having carefully considered the current situation in Cumbria, we are going to take the following measures with immediate effect:



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1. School performances are cancelled with immediate effect.
2. School assemblies are cancelled with immediate effect.
3. There will be no year group parents' evenings until further notice including the Year 7 Parents' Evening on 19th March and the Y10 Exam Preparation evening on 23rd March.
4. Our Sixth Form interviews will be postponed until further notice.
5. Aligning with other local schools, all sports' fixtures will be cancelled until further notice.
6. We will look to minimise visitors to school. Anyone who does come into reception will be expected to sanitise their hands.
7. Non-essential maintenance and repairs contractors will be asked not to attend.
8. We will continue to educate the students on the importance of good hygiene including reminding them to wash their hands before leaving home and on their arrival to school; after using the toilet; after breaks and activities and before and after eating food, including snacks.
9. Public Health England posters are displayed around the school with advice.
10. Our site team and cleaners are taking extra care to ensure that additional cleaning duties are taking place and extra checks are in place to ensure all soap dispensers are continually stocked.
11. All of our teachers have been making sure plans are in place to provide resources for remote learning for all students should the school have to close during term time. Additional support will also be provided to pupils in Y11 and Y13 to help them continue to prepare for the summer exams. Please ensure that you contact the school if you have not got access to the Microsoft Teams app.

We are being provided with regular updates from the Department for Education, Public Health England and working closely with our local and county consortiums.

We must work together to meet the challenge presented by the COVID-19 virus. I am deeply appreciative of your support for the measures we have put in place.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Hardwick
Headteacher

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