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Dear Parent

We hope and pray you receive this letter in the best of health and Imaan.

**Coronavirus [COVID-19]:  
Information and Advice**

It is evident that we are facing a serious and unprecedented situation and more than likely will get worse in the coming weeks and possibly months.

We would like to update you regarding the School's response to Coronavirus (COVID-19). We know that many students are feeling anxious about the possible consequences of the virus both on physical health and on their education. It is really important that information is accessed only through reliable and credible sources. There is a lot of misinformation currently in circulation which is not helpful and is likely to fuel further uncertainty and anxiety.

We do know that the spread and impact of the virus is changing rapidly. We will continue to monitor the situation and to follow closely any changes to the Government's published plan and we will also remain alert to healthcare information and advice from Public Health England.

Recently, the Government announced that we are moving from the Contain phase of the coronavirus action plan and into the Delay phase, in response to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Current advice remains in place: no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The Chief Medical Officer has advised that the impact of closing schools on both children's education and on the workforce will be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to schools will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.

Our hope and intention is that the School will continue to remain open and that the impact on students' learning and overall educational experience will be minimised. We will be in touch with students and parents/carers regarding any upcoming trips and visits.

In order to be proactively prepared for the eventuality of having to close, either partially or wholly, we are working on trying to provide meaningful work/lessons via remotely accessed platforms. Communication with students and parents/carers will primarily be through the School's Dojo system so students and parents/carers are advised to check these regularly.

The latest Official guidance now states:

- Anyone with a new persistent cough and/or fever should self-isolate for 7 days; do not call 111 or contact other healthcare providers
- If symptoms deteriorate and you feel you need medical care, you should contact NHS 111
- Testing will only be done for those in hospitals with severe symptoms as the virus becomes more prevalent



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