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Dear Parent/Carer

As you're probably aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed again yesterday and I wanted to update you on how we are responding to continue to keep the school and the community safe. I'd like to reassure you that we are taking this new information seriously but clearly it is now beginning to present some challenges to our day to day running.

So the current advice means:

- **Schools will not be closed for the moment**
- People in at-risk groups will be asked within days to stay home for 12 weeks.
- If one person in any household has a new persistent cough and/or high temperature(fever), everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days.
- Those people should, if possible, avoid leaving the house "even to buy food or essentials" - but they may leave the house "for exercise and, in that case, at a safe distance from others"

Please keep in touch with the school and let us know if your children fit into any of these categories

Other changes to our normal school provision:

- Parents' Evening have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.- please contact the school if you have any immediate concerns we can help you with
- All other non-essential meetings have been cancelled
- All physical education fixtures have been cancelled for an indefinite period
- We are working hard to produce online resources to support home learning in the eventuality that schools are going to be directed to close
- Some of our staff are in the 'risk' categories or are being required to self isolate. They are working from home to produce appropriate learning materials for their classes. This may impact on the amount of cover teachers your child may be experiencing in school
- If we are unable to maintain a safe level of supervision in the school we may be in a position where we have to close to certain year groups. We will prioritise keeping the school open for our examination classes. You will be kept updated but please keep an eye on our website
- We have been advised that as from tomorrow, for the Sixth Form, LINC Courses will be cancelled until further notice. Students will be advised how they can access online materials.

How can you help?

- Please follow the most recent government guidance and keep us informed if this impacts on your child's attendance
- Make sure that your contact information is as up to date as possible so that we can be confident you are receiving all the communications from the school
- Keep monitoring our website where we have a dedicated area (CV 19) with updated information

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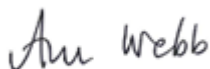
- We are currently collating information on who would find it difficult to access online resources at home in the event of a school closure. We will then be able to find some 'workarounds' to support their home learning
- Let us know if there are any other challenges that home learning may present that would be helpful for the school to know

What next?

- Should there be a directive towards school closure we will provide you with details of our provision for home learning.
- We will ensure that we will provide you with any updated information from the examination board as soon as we have it. We appreciate that this is a particularly challenging time for any student preparing for external examinations and we are prioritising our provision for those groups of learners.

Thank you for your continued support as we all work together to support the best interests of our young people and the community.

Yours faithfully



Ann Webb
Headteacher