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17th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## Coronavirus latest information for parents and carers: Tuesday 17th March

The safety and welfare of our students and staff remains our highest priority.

Current government advice is as follows:

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started.
- if you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

## The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found from the first hyperlink below, and we have also issued a Pastoral Newsletter today to all families which can also be viewed from the second link below and it is also on our website.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance

https://haileyburyturnford.com/app/uploads/2020/03/Pastoral-Newsletter-8-COVID-19-Advice-Support-and-Information.pdf

Please contact our Attendance Officer as usual to alert the school if your household are required to stay at home. Otherwise government advice continues to be that your child should attend school as normal unless your child has other illness or unless a student is not able to attend because of an underlying health condition that means they, or a family member in their household, are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus.

This guidance applies equally to all staff members who should self-isolate should they show these symptoms or others in the same household show symptoms.

We currently have a number of students and staff who are self-isolating, but do not have any students or staff who have tested positive for coronavirus, or who have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus.

If students become unwell during the school day with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, we will contact you for them to go home. Equally, staff will be sent home should this apply to them.

Our aim remains to keep Haileybury Turnford open until government policy changes. Nevertheless, there are minimum safe staffing levels for school to be fully open and as a result of an increase in staff absence through self-isolation it is necessary to partially close the school to Year 9 students on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March





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(tomorrow). We have made this decision to ensure we can maintain safe and appropriate staffing levels. Please contact Mrs Goodes, Vice Principal directly at <a href="mailto:goodesm@haileyburyturnford.com">goodesm@haileyburyturnford.com</a> if you are a Year 9 parent who has any specific queries or concerns.

Events and activities beyond the core timetable have been suspended until further notice.

Should the government decide that schools across the country should close, then we will follow this updated advice fully. Our contingency planning for this eventuality is ongoing, and it will involve the use of online curriculum resources for students as well as Class Charts and the school's email system for communication between teachers and students. We are also in the process of planning to support those students who do not have Internet access.

Curriculum resources for students in Year 9 who are well, and for students in other year groups currently self-isolating, will be issued tomorrow morning to go with the work already set on Class Charts.

Current government guidance on coronavirus and information for the public can be found at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public

Thank you for your support and understanding during these unpredictable times.

Yours faithfully

**Robin Newman** 

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