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Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus latest information for parents and carers: Wednesday 18th March

I am sure you are aware that the Prime Minister announced earlier this evening that schools in England will close at the end of the day this Friday 20th March until further notice, but will still be required to look after the children of key workers and children who may be considered vulnerable. Much more detail will follow for families tomorrow.

The Prime Minister also announced that public exams will not be taking place as normal in May/June for students. The government has not yet communicated what alternative arrangements will be put in place.

We will be meeting with Year 11 and Year 13 students tomorrow morning in the Hall to speak with them, and provide information and support. We will write to families with further information tomorrow.

Our contingency planning for school closure means that we are ready to support students during this period through 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 also have plans in place to support those students who do not have Internet access. Further detailed information will follow tomorrow now that this decision has been made by the government.

We have a partial closure until the end of the week with Year 9 and Year 10 students not in school which was communicated to those year groups earlier today. We are open for all other year groups tomorrow.

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>



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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.

Thank you for your support throughout this very difficult week and your understanding during these unprecedented times.

Yours faithfully



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