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Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus latest information for parents and carers: Thursday 19th March

Our students and staff have been simply magnificent in school today trying to process yesterday's announcement that we will close at the end of the day tomorrow and that exams this May/June have been cancelled.

We have written separately to different year groups throughout the day with more specific information for individual year groups, including the arrangements for working at home whilst school is closed.

The school is only partially open to students in Year 7, 8 and 12 on Friday 20th March.

From Monday 23rd March, we will only be open for the children of key workers and children who may be considered vulnerable. We are still waiting for more guidance from the government; Mrs Goodes, Vice Principal will be writing to parents as soon as this government guidance is published to schools.

Tomorrow, we also expect the government to give further information about the alternative arrangements which will be put in place as a result of exams not taking place this summer. We will share this information once it is published.

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

Thank you for your continued support throughout this very difficult week and the numerous kind messages of support for our staff and their families. We will continue to do all we can to support the whole HT community throughout these unpredictable times.

Yours faithfully



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