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Dear Parents/Carers,

Corona Virus/Covid 19 update

Thanks again for all your support. As this is a fast moving situation I am going to try and send updates as often as I can. We may even have more information later today.

Just to reiterate the advice in Friday's letter:

If children have a high temperature (37.8 degrees and higher) and/or a new, continuous cough, they should self-isolate at home **for seven days**. In this scenario please let us know through the normal absence channels - emailing attendance@school21.org.uk by 8:30am or leaving a message on the school answerphone 0208 262 2121 option 1 - emphasising that they will be self-isolating. Please of course contact NHS 111 or your GP as you see fit.

Guidance here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

It is important to note that the above message also applies to staff and we are monitoring the situation very closely to ensure we have the right staffing ratios. Please also be aware that where students develop these symptoms in school we will ask them to be collected.

Full or partial school closure

At present we are following government advice to keep the school open. If this advice changes we have a plan in place to try and ensure continuity of learning. Specifically, this will involve teachers delivering learning via 'Google Hangouts' to key exam years (Years 10-13) as well as posting learning on 'Google Classrooms' from Year 5 upwards. Learners have been trained in how to access learning in this way and we have trialled 'Google Hangout' lessons. The primary school will have a separate site for home learning.

More information to follow but the best way you can help us in advance is to ensure your child's school iPad or device is kept safe (Years 7 upwards) and/or you have access to a computer and internet at home. Please get in touch with us via your Head of School if you have any questions or concerns.

In the event of a partial closure (which may happen if staffing levels are too low) we will try and prioritise the exam years in school (Years 6, 11 and 13). In any scenario we will be contacting you by text and then letter. To support this please make sure your contact details are up-to-date via the parent app or by emailing info@school21.org.uk Please also make sure we know of any medical conditions your child may have. Contact Ms Pancho - jpancho@school21.org.uk

Clubs

Clubs will run as normal unless external providers have staffing shortages. In these cases we will contact you as soon as we can via text and phone.

Parents events

As set out on Friday these are postponed until Easter. This does include the Year 5 and 6 tea party recital and piano recital.

Helping the community

This of course is a very anxious time for people but many staff and students want to think about how they can help. The school's mission after all is about helping young people change the world. If you have any projects or ways we as a community can help please get in touch with me. (odebotton@school21.org.uk)

Thanks again and please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'O de Botton'.

O de Botton
Headteacher