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Dear Parent / Carer

It seems inevitable that coronavirus will continue to spread and in anticipation of a possible closure of schools, we are taking measures to ensure that we protect the safety and learning of our students.

We have already set up in preparation a collection of sites that parents and pupils will be able to access alongside their homework books and projects linked to current work or in preparation for next term. This will be released in the event of a closure to each year group and will be sent out to you directly.

In addition to our current measures of regular handwashing, wiping table surfaces and push points with anti-bacterial spray, we have ceased to hold assemblies of more than one class, including cancellation of the proposed Easter service at St Marks. We continue to receive updates daily from the Department for Education. In the light of recent advice we are reviewing all upcoming visits and ask that Parents do not send in payment during the current uncertainty for these visits (Paultons Park, Gilbert White centre, Ufton Court, and Houses of Parliament). We are also reviewing any future planned sporting events and our participation in them.

The Importance of Hygiene

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy.

How to Wash Your Hands Properly

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water. Watch this short NHS film for guidance:

<https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

Public Health England recommends that in addition to hand-washing before eating, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport.

Department for Education Coronavirus Helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Where to Find the Latest Information

Updates on COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Self Isolation

From today, everyone with flu-like symptoms - defined as a fever of above 37.8C or a persistent cough - is being asked to stay at home for at least seven days.

Anyone who has travelled to an affected area, or who has been in close contact with an infected person, had already been asked to self-isolate for 14 days.

Advice for people who have travelled back to the UK from the main affected areas and some other countries has been issued by the government.

Patients with mild symptoms are being asked to self-isolate at home. But people are being advised not to ring NHS 111 or their GP to report their symptoms unless they are worried.

We will of course give you updates on all matters in this letter as the situation develops.

Yours sincerely

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