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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update

Further to my letter on 13th March 2020, I wanted to reiterate that the academy is open until Public Health England or the Department for Education decide otherwise. This is a dynamic and rapidly changing situation and I will endeavour to keep you updated via Parentmail and social media of our actions.

As a community we are performing a very important function educating and looking after our young people. In order to do this more effectively I have introduced a range of measures today to support the government's policy of social distancing.

- All students must follow basic hand hygiene routines, wash regularly and use hand sanitiser.
- All students will be mainly outside at breaks and lunch.
- All assemblies will be cancelled.
- Most visits by non-academy staff and students have been cancelled.
- The planned PSHE day on 19th March, where there were external visitors has been cancelled.
- The Year 9 Options Evening on 19th March has been cancelled, we will choose options in a different way this year.
- We will withdraw from all sports fixtures, although a city wide postponement is already being considered.
- I will review all trips today, but the likelihood is that most if not all will be cancelled.
- All transition activities with primary schools have been cancelled.
- **If your child presents with even mild symptoms linked to coronavirus, please keep them off school for the 7 days to self-isolate in line with government advice.** The normal rules around attendance monitoring will be temporarily lifted if the absence relates to coronavirus-like symptoms.
- Any student presenting even with mild symptoms during the academy day will be sent home with a letter instructing them not to come back to the academy for 7 days. This will be strictly enforced.
- If your child has underlying health conditions which make them more susceptible to coronavirus, please make a decision as a parent whether they should be in the academy.

These are unprecedented times and I would urge everyone to follow official advice. The above only goes some way to mitigating some of the challenges we face.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N Lowry
Principal