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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to give you an update regarding the coronavirus as we continue to closely monitor the latest government advice.

As always, we are maintaining the highest standards of cleanliness within the College and we are supporting all our students and staff to maintain high standards of basic personal hygiene. Soap dispensers and hand sanitiser stations are being checked and refilled regularly to ensure there is always sufficient supply. Staff have talked with the students about the importance of thorough hand washing and relevant posters have been displayed around the College.

At the time of writing the government has moved from “containing” the coronavirus to “delaying” and as such our College continues to remain open as usual. We will continue to follow all Public Health England guidance and advice to ensure the health and wellbeing of all students and staff remains our priority.

The Department for Education continues to keep schools updated on the government’s response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and have a Coronavirus helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone: 0800 046 8687, opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday) or via email at: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk.

The poster produced by Public Health England can be found on the link below:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/869250/Coronavirus_advice_for_educational_settings_poster.pdf

Again, please be assured that all our toilet facilities are stocked with soap and paper towels/hand driers and checked regularly to replenish where necessary. Our house team of cleaning staff have been briefed on the importance of checking and maintaining appropriate hand washing facilities to support with containing the spread of all viruses.

We are aware that the government COBRA committee is meeting regularly to review their action plan and the impact of coronavirus.

In the event of any direction to close the school, the main point of communication with parents/carers will be via the College website, through the text messaging service and email.

During any closure we will aim to provide support for students to continue with their learning and this information will be available on the College website. This will be through a range of methods that will be discussed with children and which will also then be shared with parents/carers.

It is vital that you ensure we have your up to date contact details on our system. Please do contact the College should you believe your details need updating.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Plumb', written in a cursive style.

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Headteacher

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