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Dear Parents and Carers

Public Health England Advice Update

I am writing to confirm the guidance given by the government yesterday that schools should remain open.

Please be assured that we are following all of the most up to date guidance from Public Health England. As stated in my previous letter we have been underlining the hygiene steps that all members of our community should be taking and giving every encouragement to students to take sensible measures to protect themselves and for the benefit of the wider community.

However, in light of the updated guidance, published yesterday evening, we do ask that any pupils or members of staff stay at home, and self-isolate for seven days, if they have either:

- a high temperature and/or
- a new, continuous cough.

The guidance states that you do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them you're staying at home and self-isolating. The NHS will not be testing people who are self-isolating with mild symptoms. If the symptoms worsen, continue after seven days or you can't cope at home you should contact the NHS coronavirus service online. People should only ring NHS 111 if they cannot use the online service. In the case of a medical emergency dial 999.

The full guidance is available via the Public Health England website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Please also note the most recent guidance from the NHS on their website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

To confirm, please do not send your child into school if they have any of the symptoms listed above. Please ensure that you use the usual college procedures to inform us of any period of absence from the school.

We will continue to update you as we receive any further guidance, thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Swatton

Principal