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Dear Parents / Carers,

Coronavirus: Three degrees of separation

I understand that these are uncertain times for our community so I wanted to provide you with some guidelines on the school's approach to attendance at school during this period. If you are uncertain as to whether to send your child to school please contact us for further advice.

I hope this will be helpful if you are wondering whether your son or daughter should come into school, and also that it will reassure you that we are taking sensible steps to maintain the good health of the wider school community.

The protocol that we are using is as follows:

**Suspected/confirmed case:** Confirmed cases should phone 111 and alert the school as soon as possible. Confirmed cases should not come onto the school site until they are tested clear.

**One degree of Separation:** Anyone who has been in close contact with someone who is a confirmed case should alert the school and not attend school for 7 days, or until such time that the person has official clearance.

**Two degrees of Separation:** If a student or member of staff has been in close contact with someone who has been in close contact with someone who is a confirmed case, or is unconfirmed but in quarantine, then they should alert school and not attend the school site for 7 days, or until such time that the person you met is cleared.

**Three degrees of Separation:** Anyone who has not been in close contact with anyone who is a confirmed case, or anyone who has been in close contact with such a person, may attend school.

**Any student or member of staff with symptoms of the coronavirus should self-isolate and not leave home until 7 days from when the symptoms started.**

Further advice is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Government advice to schools and the wider public may well change in the coming days, and we will follow and circulate their guidance to you. Meanwhile, the normal advice applies, that students who are unwell should stay at home.

Please be assured that the health and well-being of your families are in my prayers at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

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