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Dear Families

**Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

We are writing to reconfirm that all our schools are following updated government guidance regarding the management of coronavirus (COVID-19). We will do all we can to keep our schools open and safe. Where staff or students show either of the symptoms below, **they should not attend school** and the expectation is now that they **self-isolate for 14 days**:

- A temperature above 37.8 degrees
- A new, persistent cough

Guidance now suggests that everyone should avoid non-essential contact and travel, in particular people over 70, pregnant women and those with underlying health conditions. Schools are expected to remain open until further notice.

Staff will discuss any health concerns with school leaders before taking the decision to self-isolate. We would ask that families alert the school should children or anybody in the family show the symptoms indicated above. The new government guidance suggests that if a family member becomes unwell, **the whole household is now required to self-isolate and, therefore, children should no longer attend school**. Families may find the information in the links below of help though both were issued prior to the latest updates:

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

[https://www.northbridgehouse.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/48/2020/03/Cognita\\_Coronavirus\\_tips.pdf](https://www.northbridgehouse.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/48/2020/03/Cognita_Coronavirus_tips.pdf)

A reminder that families should continue to notify the school through the usual method, if their child is going to be absent from school for any reason.

We understand that this is a very challenging time. If there are any changes to the current situation, including likely school closure in the future, we will do our best to communicate with you swiftly and honestly about the situation in our schools. We thank you for your continued support in the meantime.

Yours sincerely

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Chair of the Trust