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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Cobra meeting on Thursday, the advice around the management of COVID-19 for schools and the general public has changed. Prime Minister Boris Johnson told a press conference yesterday: "If you have coronavirus symptoms, however mild - either a **new** continuous cough or a high temperature - then you must stay at home for seven days to protect others." This advice – 7 days self isolation - applies to everyone. Please email the school if this applies to your daughter or son or phone the student absence line so that we can record the absence accurately.

In addition, we are asking any members of the wider school community who are due to attend meetings at school who have these symptoms not to come in to the school. The Year 11 PFS afternoon will continue as planned next week but I would ask any parents and carers coming along to pay particular attention to the guidance.

The Government has taken the decision not to close schools. The situation is very fluid and evolving and we will continue to follow the guidance provided by Public Health England.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Brown
Head Teacher

