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Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue to follow the latest guidance on Coronavirus which is being updated daily.

As I'm sure you'll understand, this is a continually evolving situation. The guidance announced yesterday by the Prime Minister states that anyone with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature (lasting more than four hours) or who lives with anyone displaying these symptoms should stay at home for a period of seven days in order to self isolate and reduce the spread of infection.

Ongoing Precautions As a school we continue to take the following precautions to ensure the cleanliness of the site:

- Pausing the start of day handshake
- Making extra time for regular handwashing throughout the day
- Frequent sanitising by site staff of key 'touch' areas like door handles, taps, banisters etc

Trips The government has said all overseas school trips should be cancelled. As a precaution, in order to reduce our student's exposure to highly populated public spaces, we are pausing all upcoming trips including Year One swimming. We will ensure this is made up for, as much as possible, later in the school year. I am sure you will understand that this is a sensible measure to take at this time.

School Remaining Open The government has stated that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England. In the event of a school closure, teachers will provide work for children to do at home so that they can continue with their learning as far as possible. We have a working model of what this will look like. Please be aware, by necessity, this will involve internet access. Communication with families during any school closure will be via Parent Mail with updates posted on Atwood's Twitter page and on the school website. If your contact details have recently changed, please inform the office as soon as possible so these can be updated. (It is a good idea to check with the office just in case.)

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

Thank you for your support. We realise that this is an unsettling period but together as a community, we will support each other.

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