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Dear Parent or Carer,

I would like to make you aware of our response to Coronavirus in light of new government guidance since last week.

We have no confirmed cases of Coronavirus in school but there have been a number of students and staff who have reported symptoms that have been listed by the Government. They have followed health guidance and have self-isolated for 14 days. We are making arrangements for classes to allow students to access normal work as much as possible. Staff who are self-isolating are working from home are setting work for their lessons.

It is worth clarifying the guidance again and more information can be found on the following sites;

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

If you or anyone in your household has a persistent cough and or a high temperature, the entire household should isolate themselves and not go out for 14 days. This will protect anyone in the household transmitting the disease elsewhere.

We have established a work zone on the school website which students can log onto using their own logins and passwords. You can access this through this link <https://www.smestow.org/student-portal>. If your child requires their login details and password, they can email itsupport@smestow.org. When your child is not in school and is not ill, we expect them to do this work and use the resources to track their progress. If you do not have internet or computer access in order to complete this work, please contact the school office to request a hard copy which can be completed at home.

We are yet to hear any update on public examinations and as such are operating to the dates we have already been given. This is currently under review Nationally but we will be directed by updates as we receive them. We will make students and parents of Years 11-13 aware of these notifications as soon as possible.

I am aware that you will be worried and will be monitoring the situation on the news each day. We will continue to update you as and when we have more information and thank you for your support in sending children to school during this period.

Yours faithfully,
D. Smith
Interim Head of School