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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Update on actions taken in response to Covid-19

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister gave an update yesterday at a news conference regarding actions being taken whilst in the delay phase of their action plan. Due to this new advice and the growing impact of the virus on our pupils, families and our members of staff I am writing to update you on the actions we are needing to take:

1. I have met with members of staff who are pregnant and discussed with them the advice issued yesterday regarding social distancing and how it applies to teachers who are in contact with large numbers of pupils and members of staff throughout each working day. Each of these members of staff have gone home and will be self-isolating for up to twelve weeks. We have a growing number of members of staff either who have symptoms or having to look after their own children and are therefore absent from school – following the advice, these members of staff will be self-isolating for fourteen days. As a consequence to this our members of staff are taking on the cover of lessons for absent colleagues. I will write again if this situation changes
2. As of tomorrow, we will be restricting meetings in school involving visitors to school, to emergency and essential only. We appreciate support and understanding in this matter as it is to ensure we comply with the advice on social distancing
3. Due to a range of factors it is necessary to cancel several school events:
 - a. The forthcoming parents'/carers' consultation evenings for Years 8 and 10
 - b. The Spring Music Concert
 - c. All extra-curricular sports clubs
 - d. The Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Trip
4. At present, we are reviewing the Year 7 trip to Skipton as this is a mainly outdoor event and Skipton Castle have said they are still open and are expecting our visit to go ahead

As in my previous letters, our members of staff are currently uploading assignments and files to Microsoft Teams so these can be accessed by pupils who are absent from school and in the event of a full school closure. We are very mindful of the need to support our pupils and their families during this challenging time and we continue to focus on the education of your child under these circumstances. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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