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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Update on advice and guidance to educational settings

As you will be aware, the Government has announced that they are at the "Delay" stage in their action plan in response to the Covid-19 Coronavirus and have issued the following advice:

UK moves into the delay stage

The UK has moved into the 'delay' stage of its response to the coronavirus following an emergency Cobra meeting on Thursday 12th March.

From Friday 13th March:

- All people with flu-like symptoms - a fever above 37.8 C or a persistent cough - should self-isolate (stay at home, away from other people) for seven days
- no closures for schools but this will be reviewed on a regular basis
- Schools will be advised not to take trips abroad
- Older people and those with pre-existing health conditions should avoid cruises

Further measures will be taken as the number of coronavirus infections moves towards its peak:

- Older people and those with health conditions will be advised to cut social contact and stay at home
- If someone in your home falls ill, the whole household will be told to isolate itself for 14 days

It is hoped these steps could significantly reduce the number of infections and cut deaths by up to a third.

As always, we take advice from the DfE and Public Health England. I appreciate many parents, like us, are concerned for the health and well-being of their child but rightly anxious about carrying on with schoolwork and not wanting any absence related to Covid-19 affecting school attendance. If your child or anyone within the household has any of the symptoms specified above, then we would expect that they go into the period of self-isolation and monitor any change in the symptoms as well as contact 111 if necessary.

I want to reassure parents/carers that any absence linked to having symptoms of Covid-19 Coronavirus; linked to family members having symptoms or contact with others who have symptoms that absence will be recorded as such and will not count against the criteria for eligibility for rewards trips.

Regarding access to work, we are currently uploading work to Teams but as you can appreciate, we are not able to provide work immediately when requested due to the volume of requests that we are experiencing at present. However, we do provide access to the school's learning drive which is accessible through the Remote Access button on the Titus Salt School website and Hegarty Maths is available to each of our pupils.

We have considered actions we may need to make regarding school visits that are in the closing stages of organisation and those already in place. I have asked, that depending upon the numbers of pupils involved, that members of staff contact parents to ask if they are happy for their child to still attend the event; if the venue cancels any event then we will let you know. With regard to trips with a greater number than fifteen pupils I have asked that members of staff send a notice by ParentMail that the trip is still planned to go ahead unless the venue cancels or if there is insufficient numbers of pupils due to illness in the case of trips linked to subject coursework.

I wish to thank you for your continued support as we all navigate our way through this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

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