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Dear Parents/Carers,

## COVID-19 Update

We understand that parents and pupils may be feeling concerned about the current situation, particularly in the light of the announcement made by the government yesterday. Please note that we are continuing to keep our schools open at this time, and will do so until the government advice dictates otherwise (other than in exceptional circumstances).

Children should continue to attend school, unless they, or someone in the household, has symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature or a new continuous cough, however mild). Individuals are required to self-isolate for 7 days from the onset of COVID-19 and **all individuals in the household** will now be asked to self-isolate for 14 days from that moment as well, even if they are not displaying any symptoms.

Children should not attend school if they suffer from an underlying medical condition. These conditions include respiratory diseases (such as asthma), heart disease, diabetes, kidney or liver disease, a weakened immune system due to steroid tablets or chemotherapy, or those with spleen conditions such as sickle cell.

Please note this is not the full list. Please click on this link below for the full information <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 need medical advice regarding corona virus, please visit [NHS.UK/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) to check your symptoms, rather than visiting your GP. Only if symptoms become worse should people use the online NHS 111 service.

Kind regards,

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