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Dear Parent/Carer,

I appreciate that these are neryv times for all of us as the coronavirus epidemic sweeps across the UK. I know that it is difficult to feel reassured from the media coverage, some of which praises the scientifically-based judgements of the government and PHE, whilst other aspects criticise. Unfortunately, we can all find it harder to trust ourselves in doing the right thing.

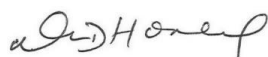
I wanted to reassure you that we are always acting with children, staff and families' safety as our first consideration. We are monitoring the briefings as and when they arise, and have a team at Cognita scrutinising carefully the suggestions and statements. We are also aware of the worry that all this will bring to our Year 11 pupils, with the uncertainty of what will happen regarding their GCSEs. Hence, we are working hard at maintaining a normality of education and the related experiences for now, and readying ourselves for the possibility of remote and online learning in the future.

I am aware that some UK schools are closing due to cases arising – although this is sometimes a brief closure to allow a deep-clean – and there will be increasing speculation about whether anyone has caught the virus. I am grateful that only a handful of children have needed to be kept away from school due to one of the symptoms arising, as per the recommendations of the NHS and PHE. I worry that some children will magnify this number in to many more, which will cause additional anxiety to parents. Given that coughs are frequent at this time of year, it is not an indication of coronavirus infection but the right precaution whilst the self-isolation period occurs.

This self-isolation must last 7 days from the time of symptoms starting, and we will send work home for the children to complete if/when they feel well enough. Please phone the Office should your child need to be self-isolating and rest assured that if the symptoms have passed, we will be delighted to see them return.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any wider concerns at this time. We are here to support you and your children through what is a trying and difficult period.

Kind regards



Mr Honey
Headmaster