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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope this letter finds you and your family all safe and well.

The Coronavirus pandemic continues to impact across the country and affected everyone's daily lives. We all need to continue to follow Government guidance and continue our efforts to minimise the spread of the virus.

**The message from the Government continues to be very clear:**

- Stay at home
- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Do not meet others, even friends or family. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

**Government Guidance**

The overarching message is that the safest place to be is at home.

To support with the management of the Coronavirus outbreak and to maintain the health safety and wellbeing of our whole school community our school buildings remain closed to all but;

- children of essential key workers who absolutely cannot make other childcare arrangements and
- a very small number of our most vulnerable young people (families of these pupils will be contacted individually)

The only young people who will be allowed into school are those where individual arrangements have been agreed by myself.

Although our school buildings are shut to the vast majority of our young people, we continue to provide education to all our pupils. We are currently having to work differently but our dedicated staff team are working incredibly hard to provide educational opportunities remotely and keep in contact with you.

Online learning resources are being updated regularly and staff will be in contact with you at least weekly.

This unprecedented situation has and will continue to challenge us all, but if we stick at it, stay at home and stay safe, we will be able to get back to normal sooner than if we take risks now. Just because our school buildings are mainly shut, and we are having to work differently, we are still very much here for you.

We appreciate your on-going patience and understanding, we are hopeful that we will be welcoming our children and young people back into school in the not too distant future.

Please stay safe, best wishes



**Mark Rose**

Executive Principal

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