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Dear Parent

NTS response to COVID-19 (coronavirus)

We are not aware of any cases that affect our school community currently and will remain open, for the time being, in line with governmental advice. However, pupils **must not** come into school if they have any of the following symptoms: a) fever, b) dry cough, c) shortness of breath. If any of these symptoms are present or you are worried in any way that you or your child may have contracted coronavirus, you should contact NHS 111 immediately to seek advice. **Please then notify the school about the action you have been asked to take.**

We will be taking the following measures with immediate effect:

1. In line with the governmental edict issued recently, school trips abroad (e.g. Holland in May, France in June/July) are **unlikely** to go ahead. Given that this ruling has been imposed on us/you, parents are likely to receive a full refund. We will make a final decision nearer the time, as and when we are given further advice.
2. All sports fixtures will be cancelled with effect from Monday 16th March until further notice.
3. Sports Awards Evening will be postponed, with a new date to be confirmed.
4. From now on, we will look to minimise visitors in school.

In order to reassure and inform pupils, we will be speaking to them in assemblies next week. There are already numerous notices around the school to encourage good hygiene. We will continue to monitor the coronavirus situation closely and follow the advice from Public Health England and the Department for Education. The Department for Education's advice page for schools can be found using this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The most important advice is to limit the spread of the virus. Health-care professionals stress the importance of hygiene and hand washing. They recommend:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it"
- People who feel unwell should stay at home

Students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:

- After using public transport
- Before leaving home and on arrival at school
- After using the toilet
- After breaks and sporting activities
- Before eating any food, including snacks

We will continue to highlight this important advice to pupils. We will contact you immediately with any new arrangements that may have to be put in place if circumstances do change in any way.

Kind regards

Mr DS Northwood