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Dear Parent / Carer

**Re: COVID-19 Update 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – 2 p.m.**

Today, the Department for Education and Public Health England have issued updated guidance for education settings on COVID-19. Current advice remains in place: no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The Chief Medical Officer has advised that the impact of closing schools on both children's education and on the workforce would be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to education or children's social care settings will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.

On the advice of The Department for Education and Public Health England: -

- staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal
- if staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home.

If necessary, please report any absence in the normal way being clear about the period of time you will be isolating. In the meantime we shall continue to monitor the situation daily and follow the clear direction being issued to schools and colleges by central government.

I reassure parents/carers, that despite the understandable concern nationally, students are happily going about their learning as normal and enjoying today's sunshine. I wish to thank parents/carers for the common sense approach being taken by our community at this challenging time.

Yours faithfully

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