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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government has announced that we are moving out of the contain phase and into delay, in response to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The Chief Medical Officers have now raised the risk to the UK from moderate to high.

As per the advice, the most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves remains washing their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Make sure you cough or sneeze into a tissue, put it in a bin and wash your hands.

We are asking anyone who shows certain symptoms to self-isolate for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means we want people to stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new continuous cough

You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 on line at 111.nhs.uk. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For medical emergencies, dial 999.

We have several vulnerable pupils due to their complex health needs in our school. I would like to provide support for parents and carers of those vulnerable pupils and would consider authorising absences in these exceptional circumstances.

The parents' evening which was due to take place on Wednesday 18th March has been postponed. This will be re-arranged for a date to be confirmed. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Justin Innes

Headteacher