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Dear Parent or Carer

I wanted to alert you to a further change in the advice that has been provided by the NHS and government as of 16 March.

### **Self-Isolation**

The latest guidance is available on the NHS website at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

This states that:

- if you have symptoms, **stay at home for 7 days**
- if you live with other people, they should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person got symptoms

This means if a student has symptoms, **they should self-isolate for 7 days** from the start of the symptoms. This advice has not changed.

If a student lives with someone who has symptoms, such as a sibling or other family member, but is showing no symptoms themselves **they should self-isolate for a period of 14 days** from the date the person they live with first showed symptoms. **This is the new advice issued yesterday.**

We currently have a number of students self-isolating. We have contacted these families directly to ensure they are aware the students will not be allowed to attend school for 7 days and of the new advice regarding those that live with people who are self-isolating.

Please remember the most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- **a new continuous cough and/or**
- **a high temperature**

More detailed advice can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Whilst we do not have any confirmed cases of Coronavirus amongst our school community at this time, the self-isolation procedures do mean that we have increased student and staff absence.

We are reviewing the situation very closely and will ensure we keep the College open to students whilst it is safe to do so. Any decision around school closure, full or partial, will be communicated to parents and carers at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Alan Salt  
**Principal**