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Dear Parents and Carers,

Preparations for COVID-19

As you will be aware, the situation with regards to COVID-19 continues to change rapidly. I understand that this is causing concern to many people and I want to assure you that we are doing everything possible to ensure that we are ready to deal with all eventualities.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is paramount and we continue to follow all relevant instructions from the government, Public Health England and the NHS.

Wherever possible we will remain open, unless directed to close by the government. However, as staff absences rise due to increased need for self-isolation, we may need to consider other options, such as partial closure.

Whilst all our schools are open today, this may change and we will update you daily as to our status. As a group of schools, we are working together to ensure we plan for learning to continue whether the school is open or closed. You will receive clear instructions as to the provision being made for your child in the event of partial or total closure.

It may also be the case that, in the event of partial closure, schools remain open for certain categories of children, including for example those of key workers. We will provide further information on this if and when the situation arises.

These are unprecedented times and I am grateful for the hard work of the staff in our schools as well as the support of parents and carers. It is essential that we all work together to get through this difficult period. We all have the best interests of our children and young people at heart.

Please visit our websites and social media accounts for updates on the current position of your child's school. In the meantime, can I thank you for your assistance in the coming weeks and we look forward to the return of normality at some point in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Powell
CEO