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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Coronavirus COVID-19

I expect that I will be writing to you frequently over the next few weeks to keep you informed about the response Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are continuing to follow all guidance from the Public Health England (PHE) and the Department of Education (DfE) and we have **no confirmed cases of COVID-19** amongst staff or students.

As stated yesterday, we continue to maintain good respiratory and hand hygiene procedures. Please ensure that your child has tissues with them each day for their own personal use (to avoid sharing) and encourage them to use the hand sanitisers in addition to the most effective form of prevention – washing hands.

I need to request your support again over the next few days and ask that the following year groups remain at home temporarily:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Year 9 and Year 10 – no school

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Year 8 and Year 10 – no school

All other year groups should attend as normal.

If the school has a high number of staff who are required to self-isolate, we may have to repeat this exercise at short notice so that we can maintain teaching for the examination groups. You will be informed by text message by 7:30am the morning your son/daughter will need to stay at home if this is necessary. To enable good communication please ensure that we have your up-to-date contact details (contact your child's Year Leader).

I am very grateful to you for your support and understanding during this difficult time and I will remain in contact with you with any further update.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Thomas  
Headteacher