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Dear Parents

I am writing to you regarding the Trust response to the Coronavirus or COVID 19.

All of our schools are keeping their communities informed about any precautionary measures they are taking to minimise risks within their schools. These include carrying out the steps bullet pointed below and cancelling or postponing parents' evenings, special assemblies and larger gatherings to minimise the number of people entering the school and reducing the number of children in the hall at times such as collective worship or dinner time.

Please note that as a Trust we are following all the current Public Health England (PHE) guidance and are remaining open, as per the Department for Education and PHE guidance.

- 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
- In the event that staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home
- We clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using our standard cleaning products
- We supervise young children to ensure they wash their hands for 20 seconds more often than usual with soap and water or hand sanitiser and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues
- Please note, that should one of our schools be deemed unsafe to open fully due to staffing shortages, as a result of the virus and general staff illness, then we would have no alternative but to close or partially close the school.

We will keep you informed of any such changes to the current situation

Kind regards

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