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Dear Parent / Guardian

The Government has made a significant change today in the advice about self isolation. People are now being advised to stay at home for 14 days if they, or anyone in their household, has either a high temperature or a "new and continuous cough". It is important that children who meet these criteria are absent from school for fourteen days.

In addition the government has given advice about social distancing for people with particular medical conditions. We would advise that parents may wish to now consider their children being isolated if they meet these criteria. Some are not specific and you may wish to seek medical advice on whether it applies in your circumstances.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

These new criteria will have an immediate impact on our staffing, students in year 10 who do not have work experience placements this week are likely to be asked to be at home for the remainder of the week from Wednesday.

I will confirm this decision by 4pm tomorrow on the website and by text.

As outlined in my previous letter, NHS staff who have requested their children still attend will not be affected by closures of year groups.

We have now created a link on the website to provide work for students self-isolating that will be updated daily. It is expected that students engage with the work set.

Yours faithfully



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