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Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing with a further update on our plans to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The new Government advice from today is that if you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started. Please go to the Government website for detailed information about the symptoms. **It is important that children who meet these criteria are absent from school for seven days from when the symptoms started.**

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

This could lead in the coming days to a year group closure on a particular day in response to reduced staffing as outlined in my previous letter.

Partial school closures will be disruptive to parents and in this health crisis it is vital that we support those parents involved in frontline care in the NHS, and to assist, where possible, them being able to continue their vital work.

We have therefore decided that, in the event of a year group closure, we will still supervise the children of NHS staff **in any year group**, who have no other childcare option and whose attendance at work would otherwise be disrupted.

To enable us to plan we need to know how many children this may affect. **If you work for the NHS** and are likely to want to continue to send your child to school in the event of a partial closure, please can you ring the school on 01935 423747 as soon as possible. We will need to know the names of the children involved. In the event of a partial closure we will then undertake to supervise your child. In these circumstances it is unlikely your child will have their normal teachers or will follow a normal timetable. We will only be able to offer this supervision to children whose parents have notified us in advance.

Please note that for obvious reasons these arrangements are restricted to NHS staff only.

Yours faithfully



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