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Dear Parent/Carer

Following further guidance announced from the government on 16th March 2020 regarding COVID-19 the college are still awaiting advice for schools. The college is currently operating as normal, however we believe as a college it is necessary to postpone all extra-curricular clubs, parent's evenings and school visits until further notice, such events will be re-arranged at a later date. We understand concerns that parents have and we will update you of any changes when further announcements are made by the government.

For absolute clarity;

- Year 10 Information Evening postponed – Tuesday 17th March 2020
- STEM Lecture with Chris Packham postponed – Tuesday 24th March 2020
- Year 9 Parent's Evening postponed – Thursday 26th March 2020

As an additional safeguarding action we request that parents/carers avoid visiting the college unless absolutely necessary, if you do visit the college please follow the hygiene recommendations by the government.

The government guidance on COVID-19 is currently as follows:

If you or your child is displaying the following symptoms;

1. a new continuous cough and/or
2. a high temperature (38°C or above)

The government is advising that the whole family isolate.

- If someone in the household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- For anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

Following the advice above we request if you or your child are displaying the symptoms above they must not attend college for 10 school days. Please contact the college about how we can support your child from home, to ensure they have sufficient work. If your child does not have symptoms and has not been in contact with someone with symptoms, they

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must attend college as normal. Please can you ensure that you have replied to the letter we sent out via text and email on Friday? We will be re-sending this today.

We will continue to talk to students and encourage good hygiene by washing hands regularly, please support us by continuing these discussions at home.

Thank you for your understanding and please take care.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M.R. Tilling', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark R Tilling
Headteacher