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Dear Parents/Carers

Considering the latest government update all member of public (pupils and parents) who demonstrate mild coronavirus symptoms should self-isolate for 14 days as a household. This includes a new continuous cough and/or a temperature of more than 37.8 degrees.

It is advised that the whole household self-isolate so if anyone living in your house demonstrate any of the above named symptoms everyone should self-isolate together for 14 days. What this means is that:

*If you live with others and you or one of them have 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 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>)*

Where families have reported to us since the advice given last week that they either have a high temperature or cough, we would expect to see them back at school after 14 days of reporting it. Anyone returning to school before then will be sent home. Where staff notice the symptoms in pupils at school, parents will be contracted to collect their children and should then self-isolate as a household. It is pertinent that all member of public follow this advice to help control the spread of the virus.

Parents are urged to consider carefully the implications of staying away from school unnecessarily. As a country we have not reached the peak of the spread of the virus yet and this situation will last for a number of months.

The government have also advised that social interactions should be limited and that only essential social contact should take place. Therefore we have taken the decision to:

- Cancel all trips up to Easter (parents will receive a refund on paid funds)
- Not invite parents into school for events such as assemblies etc.

We have checked with Everyone Active, Watford Swimming Pool and the swimming lessons are continuing as usual. They are following strict guidelines regarding the cleaning of the pool and all areas. If this situation changes, the class involved will be informed immediately.

As a school we are monitoring the situation carefully. We are keeping up our hygiene levels and reminding pupils to wash their hand regularly. Teachers are meeting this afternoon to start preparing work for pupils who are self-isolating and we will send an emailed about that tomorrow.

In the meantime can I thank everyone for their ongoing support with this matter.

Yours faithfully

Mr C van Straaten
Headteacher

