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Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: UPDATE – FRIDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER

I would like to begin by thanking you all once again for all of your support regarding the decision to close the school; it was an immensely difficult decision and we know it has had knock on effects for all. Within our community, we have now had 70 confirmed cases, this includes 18 staff. Whilst most have fortunately recovered, some are still unwell and we wish them all a swift return to health. I know that this disease has affected many families in our wider community and our thoughts are with you all.

We will be re-opening the school, as previously stated, on Tuesday 1st December. We would like to ask parents to ensure that they do not send their child to school if they are at all unwell; even if they are not suffering with one of the 3 main symptoms, please keep them at home if you have any concerns. There is some useful information regarding symptoms in the image below. We would also remind parents of the following:

1. If someone in your household tests positive the whole household **MUST** isolate for 14 days – please inform the school. Nobody from the household should go out even if they have no symptoms.
2. If someone in your household has symptoms, everyone should stay at home whilst that person gets a test. If the result is negative you can return to normal. If the result is positive you **MUST** follow the above points in number 1.
3. If you are identified by track and trace or the school as a contact, you **MUST** isolate for 14 days. This means that person must not leave the house; if they develop symptoms point 2 must be followed.

Throughout the pandemic we have followed the government guidance; we also introduced face coverings to students, earlier than advised in September, to try to protect everyone. We have reviewed all of our safety measures and draw your attention to the following:

- All students **MUST** (unless they have an exemption) wear a face covering inside communal areas and corridors (this includes the year bases). They **should** also be encouraged to wear them in the classrooms.
- Social distancing between students is not possible in schools; it is not part of the guidance and we would not fit classes into classrooms with 2 metre gaps. However, could you please encourage your child to **NOT** touch other children, this is particularly an issue at break and lunchtime.
- All students and staff must leave the site by 4:15pm; this will enable us to have further cleaning taking place and reduces potential contact time.
- We need to keep windows open- I know it is winter and getting colder, but ventilation will keep everyone safe. Students should wear layers under their uniform to keep them warm.
- We have made some adjustments to tutor groupings in some years, to allow for easier contact tracing, and to some rooming to enable us to ventilate rooms.

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As Swale is in Tier 3, we obviously would ask you to ensure your child goes straight home after school; students should not be gathering in local areas.

We are looking forward to seeing all the students again. Please ensure they understand that the measures we have in place are to protect everyone, including those they have at home. We expect all of the students to work with us and support everyone in the community to be safe.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Burden', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Burden
Head of School

COVID-19

Coronavirus Symptoms

SERIOUS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE

- If you develop any of these symptoms, call your healthcare provider or health facility and seek medical care immediately.
- This is not an exhaustive list. These are the most common symptoms of serious illness, but you could get very sick with other symptoms – if you have any questions, call for help immediately.



Shortness of breath/ Difficulty breathing



Loss of speech or mobility or confusion



Chest pain

MOST COMMON SYMPTOMS



Fever



Cough



Tiredness



Loss of taste or smell

LESS COMMON SYMPTOMS



Sore throat



Headache



Aches and pains



Diarrhea



A rash on the skin or discoloration of fingers or toes



Red or irritated eyes

PLEASE NOTE:

- If you live in an area where malaria, dengue or other infections are common and you have any of above symptoms, seek immediate medical care according to the local health authorities.
- Stay in touch with your primary care provider to ensure you continue to receive the routine care you need, such as medication refills, follow-ups and other routine consultations.