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Dear families,

Last night the government updated its advice regarding the Coronavirus and announced that the country is now moving into a period of 'rapid growth'. The new advice issued last night is as follows:

- i. Anyone with a high temperature, or a continuous dry cough, however mild, should stay at home with their family and not leave their house for *14 days from when symptoms started*.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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.
- iv. Avoid pubs, restaurants, theatres, clubs or other areas where there is a high concentration of people.
- v. Stay away from vulnerable individuals, such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible.
- vi. You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation, or are no better after 7 days, contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

If your child develops any of the symptoms outlined in (i) they should not attend school until *14 days* have elapsed since the onset of said symptoms and you and your family should self-isolate for the same length of time. Similarly, if you have children already at home due to suspected coronavirus as outlined in (i) please **do not send their siblings to school**. Under the new government guidance, families with suspected cases in the household are asked to self-isolate together.

We will continue to offer the best quality education we can in what are extremely challenging times. This will include some collapsing of classes, classes together in the hall and specialist teaching wherever possible.

At the moment it is not government policy to close schools.

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I will continue to update you regularly as we try to navigate through these unprecedented circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

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

Mr Qamar Riaz

Headteacher