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Dear Parents,

Re: COVID-19 – changes to expectations upon families

Following the most recent government advice, we wanted to ensure that our families are aware of the position in our school and how our future plans may unfold.

We can assure you that at the time of writing, we still have no reported cases of any pupil or staff member diagnosed with COVID-19 in any of the Cabot Learning Federation academies. We are continuing to follow the advice of Public Health England and will not close unless directed to do so.

Yesterday the government requested that we all make changes to our lifestyles. These are as follows:

1. Everyone to stop non-essential contact with others and to stop all unnecessary travel.
2. Anyone who has, or lives with someone who has a cough or a temperature should stay at home for 14 days.
3. The Government clarified and extended its definition of vulnerable groups to include:
 - Citizens over 70-years-old.
 - Citizens with relevant underlying health conditions.
 - Pregnant women.

Anyone in any of these groups should stay at home for 12 weeks of self-isolation.

4. People should start working from home where they possibly can.
5. Avoid pubs, clubs, theatres and other such social venues.
6. Only use the NHS when we really need to, via online services if possible.
7. From today government will no longer be "supporting" mass gatherings using emergency workers.

This means that if your child has a cough or a temperature, your whole family should stay at home for 14 days from when the condition developed. If your child is otherwise well, but a family member has a cough or a temperature, they should not attend school for 14 days. You will not be penalised for this non-attendance at school, however we do ask that you inform us directly of your need to isolate. If your child has a relevant underlying health condition, they should begin a period of self-isolation for the next 12 weeks.

We understand that you, or your child, may be feeling anxious about the impact of absence on their learning. Information was shared with you recently regarding the school's intentions to provide for home learning access and we continue to work to implement these. We request that you are patient with us as we manage the challenges of reduced staffing that have resulted from the government guidance.

Should we need to close for a deep clean, or for any other reason, we will tell parents through our usual communication route (text or letter) advising both when the closure will take place and when children should return to school.

Thank you for your continued support of your child and of our school during this unusual time.

Yours faithfully

Craig Jones

Principal

