

Thursday 5th March 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Following recent announcements from the Government I would like to reassure you that the College continues to take seriously the risks presented by the Coronavirus.

We continue to follow the advice and guidance of both Public Health England and the Department of Education which is available on the following websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Please also note that the Department for Education has also set up a Coronavirus helpline which students and parents can contact on **0800 046 8687**.

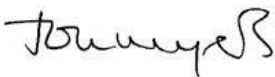
This advice includes information on the symptoms to watch out for and how to respond to anyone who may have been exposed to Coronavirus. As per this advice we continue to promote good hygiene practice including regular handwashing and the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' approach.

I would like to clarify that as of today there are no known cases of suspected Coronavirus amongst the students and staff at HSDC and therefore in line with advice we are not currently considering closing the College and planned trips and events are going ahead. However, we will continue to monitor the situation and advise students, parents and carers should the situation change.

Your support in helping us deal with this is appreciated. If your son or daughter is beginning to display the symptoms of Coronavirus (coughing, high temperature and a shortness of breath) please contact NHS 111 for further advice and contact the campus to notify us.

We will provide further updates in due course but please be aware that should the situation change we will notify students and parents by email, on the website and via social media.

Yours sincerely



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