



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your overwhelming support and encouragement over the last few difficult days. As discussed with many of you, the welfare of the pupils and staff must come first. We took the steps needed to ensure that everyone was as safe as possible after we received information early on Wednesday morning that members of the party who had attended a ski-trip in Northern Italy had become unwell and were being tested for the coronavirus.

Specialist cleaners have deep cleaned the school and we have remained in constant communication with the families affected. I am pleased to say that all families have been following the advice from Public Health England and the NHS and we can report that we have **no positive tests for COVID – 19**. I am pleased to inform you that the school will therefore reopen on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to all students.

Please can I again thank you and ask for the pupils to arrive with positive mind sets, looking smart, thinking smart and ready to enjoy themselves through learning.

We are conscious that our actions have resulted in lost time in lessons and I will be liaising with senior staff and subject leads to understand the full impact of this. With regards to year 11 and 13, there are additional sessions afterschool and sessions will be arranged in the Easter break, on top of the normal Easter provision. There are also Saturday sessions in certain subjects for those who wish to have breakfast with us and get the weekend off to a good start.

Clearly, I do still need to remind you of the current guidance all schools have received from Public Health:

Should anyone develop symptoms (a cough / high temperature / shortness of breath) they should call NHS 111 and listen to the advice, which may be to self-isolate. Please do not come to school until cleared by a medical professional to do so. If anyone is due to travel to affected areas (including immediate family members in close contact) please inform us before sending your son/daughter into school.

### How to stop viruses:

Do:

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately
- wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

### Web Links

You can view the source of this guidance and any updates at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Yours sincerely,

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