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Dear Parents,

Following yesterday's announcement, I thought it timely to update you with our response to the ever changing situation and Government guidance.

The Government's latest advice is that, if you or someone you live with, has a high temperature of 37.8 degrees at least or a "new, continuous cough" then you should self-isolate for fourteen days unless living alone. We would ask you to inform us if your child/children need to do this as we need to record all those children and staff who will be at home self-isolating with a start and end date.

From today we will be cancelling all school clubs until further notice. This is to enable staff to have the time together to continue to meet and adapt to the developing situation.

We have also been advised not to hold mass gatherings or undertake unnecessary journeys. This therefore means that all school trips and sports events are being cancelled and we won't be gathering now for such things as worship. We will ventilate the Gym at lunchtime and keep the numbers using the space at any one time to a minimum. We will limit visitors to site to those that are needed to support children's well-being and safety.

I would also like to draw your attention to the latest government guidance on social distancing and for vulnerable people. This gives further information for groups that could be more vulnerable and how to self-isolate.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

The decisions made by government mean we may have to have a partial or complete closure in the future if staff numbers decline. **Can I emphasise that if the Academy is to close, we will text you via the usual school closure methods.** Unless you hear from us, assume school is open. Please make sure that we have your correct mobile number if you are not sure.

As and when the situation changes, I will be in contact. Please see below links for all the latest information.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Kind regards

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