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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you on the position regarding containment and management of the coronavirus, Firstly, I want to reassure you that we are taking all the measures advised by the Department for Education and Public Health England.

All students have had reminders about frequent handwashing and posters are in all key areas to remind members of the school community and visitors that this is the most important step everyone can take to reduce the spreading of germs in the school. Please support us by encouraging your child(ren) to follow this advice. Our cleaning team are following government advice and there are additional sanitisers in place.

With media discussion of school closure, there will be parents who are concerned about how to support students with learning at home and especially those in year 11 and 13 preparing for their GCSEs and 'A' levels respectively. All students have had advice about how to revise and will have lots of revision guides and other materials they can use at home for this purpose. In addition, if there were to be government guidance to close the school, **all students** would have a suitable amount of work set for each subject on their timetable to complete at home. This would be set on google classroom (which is accessed alongside school emails) and further information would be on our school website. We are planning for families who cannot access school emails or the internet at home so they are able to continue with their work.

GCSE and 'A' level students working on their non-examined assessment (NEA) or preparing for practical exams or assessments should continue to work towards the published dates and if there is a school closure, the exams authority, Ofqual, will inform us of their decision regarding examinations and we will communicate these to you as soon as we receive them.

All year eleven and thirteen students have their exam timetables and it is useful to remind you that all students should be available up to and including the **24th June** in case "sustained national or local disruption arises during the summer 2020 examination series".

Some students are due to participate in trips and visits over the coming weeks and summer term and we continue to follow advice from the government including the Foreign and Commonwealth Office about these. In some cases, there may be further information issued about the trip to relevant parties, but I am sure you will appreciate that we need to check all of the details, particularly related to payments and travel insurance before we communicate with families.

Finally, all Government advice related to the coronavirus is available on our website:

<http://www.burytrust.org/trust/covid.htm>

We will keep you updated on all of these important matters as and when we receive further information.

Yours sincerely

Vicky Neale
Headteacher

