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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government last night updated their advice regarding Coronavirus. Some advice remains the same. Currently schools should continue to stay open and students should continue to attend school. Students should not attend school if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature. Advice regarding self-isolation has, however, changed:

- if you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill: more advice can be found at www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

We are currently assessing our contingency plans for partial or full closure if or when this is needed. Partial closure would mean closing to certain year groups only. Any decision to close will be governed by various considerations such as the need to prioritise Y11 in advance of their GCSEs and vulnerable groups. In terms of maintaining teaching during any closure we have already published our contingency plans on our website: <https://bridgewaterhigh.org/coronavirus/>. Additional advice for Y11 students can also be found here.

ALL ONLINE WORK WILL BE SET THROUGH SHOW MY HOMEWORK (SMHW), ACCESSED VIA THE APP OR WEBSITE (CLICK ON SMHW AT THE TOP OF OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE OR UNDER QUICK LINKS AT THE BOTTOM) . IF YOUR SON/DAUGHTER HAS ANY ISSUES LOGGING INTO SMHW THEN PLEASE CONTACT TIM EDEN - t.eden@bridgewaterhigh.com

How can you help?

- If you suspect your son or daughter has any symptoms of Coronavirus, please do not send them into school
- Please let us know as soon as possible if your son or daughter is either ill or is self-isolating because of Coronavirus symptoms
- Follow the guidance regarding how students can continue with their studies if they are well enough, published on the school website <https://bridgewaterhigh.org/coronavirus/>

If possible, please notify us of any absence via email rather than through a phone call.

- For Upper school students: absenceupper@bridgewaterhigh.com
- For Lower School students absencelower@bridgewaterhigh.com

If you have a son or daughter on both sites it would help us if you could send two emails. Please tell us:

- Year Group and Tutor Group
- Reason for absence e.g.
 - Coronavirus symptoms
 - Self-isolating because of medical advice
 - Other (please state)

We will issue further guidance on a regular basis through the school website and app. These remain unprecedented times for us all. But we are confident that if we all pull together we will be able to manage it effectively.

Yours sincerely,

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