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Dear Parents/Carers

Like everyone else, my Leadership Team and I listened carefully to Prime Minister Boris Johnson's statement, following the Cobra meeting at the end of last week. It was clear from his statement that, in this 'Delay' stage of combating the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we all need to be vigilant with regard to the development of new symptoms of ill-health and take steps, individually, to ensure good hygiene:

The UK government has issued **new advice** for members of the public who are showing symptoms of the COVID-19 virus.

The most common symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- New continuous cough and/or
 - High temperature
- If you have symptoms of Coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started.

The full advice is available via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The Prime Minister said at the end of last week, that there is currently no plan to enforce school closures. However, we at Westfield Academy are putting in place contingency plans, should this become necessary. Teachers in school are putting together resources and guidance to enable all students to make productive use of any time of school closure. This would be communicated via "Go4Schools" in the same manner as homework. For Year 11 and 13 students we are also putting together USB sticks with specific exam resources. As a precaution, can I ask any parents/carers who may not have internet access at home to let us know, so that alternative provision can be made? This should be communicated via email to admin@westfield.academy. Whilst the school continues to be open, we must all do what we can to follow guidance.

These include the following:

Hygiene:

- The students have been reminded about hand washing, which is clearly the most efficient way of preventing the spread of germs. I would ask that you reinforce this message and encourage regular hand washing with hot water and soap. If your children would prefer to bring their own hand sanitising liquids, that is fine.
- Also, please send your children into school with their own tissues
- The Site-Manger has increased the cleaning schedule during the school day he is also in contact with the cleaning contracts on a daily basis.
- Lettings of the site at the weekends and evenings are being removed
- The canteen manager has explained the extra measures that she is taking to ensure good hygiene in all aspects of her team's working

School Activities:

- Our upcoming performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory will sadly be postponed
- We will not have any Year group assemblies, after today, until further notice
- After school Extra-Curricular sporting activities are still going ahead, however all fixtures against other schools have been postponed.

Best wishes to you and your families and thank you for your support in these difficult time

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Headteacher