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Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus information

I am writing to update you on The Winstanley School's current situation and approach regarding the international outbreak of Coronavirus and to reassure you that we are taking all appropriate advice.

There are currently still no locally diagnosed cases of COVID-19. However, we continue to take protective measures to safeguard student and staff health, including around hygiene. We are well stocked with soap, hand gel and cleaning products. Our students continue to be repeatedly reminded to take sensible measures around hand hygiene and use of tissues. Each day, the department for education issues up to date advice to schools, which we follow carefully.

Safeguarding health is of paramount importance to us. This includes safeguarding our students' mental health. It is therefore important that we do not elevate our young people's anxiety around this issue. The proportion of children who catch Covid-19 appears very small, and of those that do, the symptoms seem particularly mild in children. The reason that we are taking the measures outlined above is to play our part in protecting the wider population as children pass on infections to others. I would urge you to ensure that your child has a sense of proportion over this issue, at the same time as being committed to the behaviour changes needed over hygiene.

We will continue to review planned educational visits depending on advice from the government.

In the event of an enforced period of closure we have robust plans in place to provide work for students to complete at home. There will be an emphasis on ensuring this is completed for exam classes and that teachers are able to give formative feedback.

Thank you for your support as we work together to safeguard our students, staff and community.

Yours sincerely

Dave Bennett
Head of School



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