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Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update 3 13/3/20

Dear Parents and Carers

As mentioned in the previous update, we are continually reviewing the situation regarding coronavirus. As you may be aware, after yesterday afternoon's government planning meeting, there has been a change of advice for anyone who has possible symptoms of coronavirus. The new advice is to:

"Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home".

Further details can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

There are still no confirmed cases in Northumberland but the new advice applies to all of the United Kingdom. If any of our pupils are absent for this reason, can parents or carers please report the absence as soon as possible and make it clear that the absence is due to following the NHS advice.

We continue to work closely with Public Health England, the Department for Education and the local authority, following all advice and guidance closely. As the situation may change rapidly, we continue to monitor and plan for all eventualities. Parents and carers can help here by ensuring that emergency contact details are fully up to date.

The Government have repeated today that they do not expect to instruct schools to close, but we have plans in place to support our students should this happen. The priority will be providing support for our students who are taking public exams this summer, which are still expected to go ahead as planned.

As always, we will keep you updated if there is any new advice for schools or change to the current situation.

Yours faithfully

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