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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Update on Coronavirus (COVID-19) for Parents and Staff**

Further to my letter to you yesterday (attached to this email) please see below for our most up to date guidance regarding the coronavirus outbreak and our response. We recognise that parents, carers and families may be very anxious at this time. Please be assured that we are doing all we can to ensure that your children are supported as we work through this developing situation. Thank you for your support and in particular your kind feedback regarding the efforts of our teaching and support staff this week, which has been much appreciated.

We have received no further update today from the Government regarding the specific details in yesterday's announcement, including Year 11 examinations and key worker status. This information is due tomorrow and we will update you as soon as possible. In the meantime, we have continued our planning for school closure from the end of the day tomorrow, and this will form part of our extensive update to you at the end of the day tomorrow.

The most recent information for the public from the Government can be found using the link here:  
[www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public)

There is also advice on self-isolation and whole household self-isolation here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

### Year 11

We have been advised by the Government that schools will close from tomorrow until further notice. In order to ensure that our Year 11s do not miss out on the opportunity to have a full and fitting end to their time at Court Fields School we have pulled together a full Year 11 Leavers' afternoon for tomorrow, including lunch, shirt-signing and the Leavers' Assembly. Please ensure that your Year 11 child brings a spare shirt with them for shirt signing. Any Year 11 students who are self-isolating have been contacted, and, as they cannot attend due to isolation restrictions, will have a shirt provided for them, which we will get signed, and a DVD copy of the assembly. If Year 11 parents would like to send a message to our fantastic Leavers 2020, please message us via our facebook or twitter accounts, or reply to our posts about Year 11 Leavers.

### Free School Meals

Asda vouchers have been purchased for each student that is entitled to free school meals. The value of the voucher is equivalent to the cost of 2 weeks allowance and can be used online or in store. These will be posted home on Friday, addressed to the parent/carer of the student. The school will be in contact before the end of the two weeks with details of ongoing payments.

### Home Learning

In order that we can prepare for students' home learning from Monday, please ensure that you and your child can log into ClassCharts. Please contact us on the email [classcharts@courtfields.net](mailto:classcharts@courtfields.net) if you need your access code, or ask your child to see their Tutor. Please also ensure that your child knows how to access our systems



online (such as Hegarty Maths, Google Mail etc). ClassCharts can be accessed via smartphone, table or computer, so this will enable your child to access their learning and submit work from a range of sources. They also have an exercise book, which they have been given, should they need to complete work on paper.

Advice for parents/carers:

Please do not contact the school to ask for specific advice re coronavirus as we, like you, are following the advice from the Government and Public Health. Please regularly check school communications for updates. The school will regularly update parents via our website, email, text and school social media accounts. Information from other sources may be incorrect and cause unnecessary worry.

- BBC advice for parents: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51734855](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51734855)
- How to keep safe: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51711227](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51711227)
- The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows: Phone: 0800 046 8687, Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Please do not hesitate to contact the school tomorrow or on Friday if you have any concerns. Please note that phone lines may be busy and our staff need to focus on planning for the school closure, so it may be easier for you to email us as follows:

- For safeguarding concerns, please use the main email address: [safeguarding@courtfields.net](mailto:safeguarding@courtfields.net)
- For ClassCharts enquiries, please use the main email address: [classcharts@courtfields.net](mailto:classcharts@courtfields.net)
- To notify us that you may have key worker status, please use the main email address: [keyworker@courtfields.net](mailto:keyworker@courtfields.net)
- For general enquiries, please use the main email address: [sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sch.552@educ.somerset.gov.uk).

Thank you for the support and understanding that you have shown to us at this difficult time. We will do what we can to support our community over the coming weeks. My very best wishes go out to you and your families.

Yours sincerely,



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