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Dear Parents

Following the letter I sent to parents and staff yesterday, the Government has updated their guidance for people and families with the symptoms of coronavirus. Any child or adult showing signs of a high temperature or a new continuous cough, ***including siblings***; even if they do not have the symptoms, will be sent home from school. It is expected that everyone will follow the 14-day isolation period. Below is a copy of the relevant section from today's (17th March) Department for Education update on coronavirus.

New guidance for households with symptoms

Yesterday, the Government introduced new guidance on total household isolation in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for seven days from when your symptoms started
- if you live with others and you or another member of the household 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. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will significantly reduce the overall amount of infection the family could pass on to others in the community
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for seven days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)



- A new, continuous cough

The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

School Update

Visitors and Clubs

For the foreseeable future, all non-essential visitors will be asked not to come into school. Visitors who we feel are essential will be asked to follow our strict hygiene rules.

With this in mind, we have decided to cancel all after school clubs for the rest of this term. If parents have paid for a session, we will rearrange these for later in the year. If this is not possible, you will be reimbursed for the weeks your child has missed.

School Meals

During the week, we may need to change parts of the menu. We will endeavour to keep these to a minimum.

Mother's Day Gifts

The Mother's Day Gift Stall planned for Thursday will still run but with school staff rather than the Friends of North Duffield School.

I cannot thank you enough for your continued support and understanding at this difficult time. We are mindful that some changes happen with very little notice and I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We are acting in the very best interests of all within our school community and will continue to do so to the very best of our ability.

We are also mindful that this is a very worrying time and that many children and parents will be feeling very anxious. Please pick up the phone and call if you wish to speak to anyone or discuss anything, we are only too happy to help and support wherever we can.

Kind Regards

Mr Russell
Headteacher

