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To all Parents/Carers,

Apologies for sending another update so soon after the earlier one this evening but as you are probably aware, the recent press conference from Boris Johnson and his team have introduced new control measures which will have an impact in school. The most significant update is as follows:

Any child who shows the following symptoms, a new and continuous cough and/or a high temperature must now self-isolate for 14 days, not 7. And in addition to that, anyone who shares a house with that person must also do the same. To put it into some kind of context, any child who has begun their self-isolation today, will now have to do so for 14 days. And if they have any siblings in school, they will have to do the same. Of course, these same rules apply to parents/carers too.

Here is the link to the BBC News article:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51917562

With all this in mind, we should have a 'home learning' package in place by the end of tomorrow. This means that any child who is absent from school now or in the future will still have access to the curriculum but in a way which is fun and designed to keep them occupied and engaged. Our home learning package will include the following:

- Access to Education City each child will be provided with a username and password which will enable them to make use of the full range of activities
- A list of useful websites e.g. BBC Bitesize
- Links to our existing software e.g. TT Rockstars

As you can tell, the guidance and control measures around this situation are evolving all the time and we will certainly do our best to keep you as up to date as possible from a school, health and education perspective.

What I will say though, if your child or their sibling has symptoms (and as difficult as this may be with working parents and childcare), please keep your child(ren) at home for the required 14 days. <u>Do not send them into school otherwise we will ask you to take them home or collect them straight away.</u>

Thank you again for your support and understanding during this time.

Mr I. Johnson