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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus Update

We are continuing to follow government guidance regarding Coronavirus and will continue to share relevant information. You will appreciate, we are currently dealing with a complex and rapidly changing situation. Our first priority will always be the health and safety of the pupils and staff within our trust.

As it stands there are no known confirmed cases within our trust schools and community. Already within our schools and offices we have raised the profile of good hygiene patterns through assemblies, lessons and posters and have ensured that our cleaning regimes and standards are good.

This is an entirely unprecedented situation and we are following official advice from the government and the NHS. This advice is being added to on a daily basis and we are monitoring and responding to that as it is published.

Headteachers in all trust schools are putting plans in place to operate in these difficult circumstances and to respond to the changing government advice. This will ensure we can support families, all pupils and also continue to deliver the best form of education we can.

To maintain a focus on the effective day to day running of our schools, with potentially lower staffing levels, we are implementing the following changes with immediate effect:

Overseas trips	any trips due to take place in March or April are cancelled, we will keep later trips under review
UK based residential/day trips	any trips due to take place in March or April are cancelled, we will keep later trips under review
Parent/Carer Evenings	will be removed for the foreseeable future
Parent/Carer Workshops	will be removed for the foreseeable future

Daily updates and further information can be found on the government's dedicated Coronavirus website at: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response</u>

Thank you for your ongoing support in these challenging times.

Kind regards

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