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Dear Parent/Guardian

What to do if someone in your household has been told to self-isolate?

The advice regarding the Coronavirus changed yesterday evening. If anyone in your household has symptoms of Coronavirus, everyone in the household must self-isolate for 14 days. Please see the advice on the NHS website below: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

What to do if your child says they feel ill in the morning?

If your child is complaining of feeling ill in the morning, please can you use the screen on the NHS 111 website and follow the advice given. This may mean that a student will have to come to school late or remain at home if they are ill. Please email absence@bgn.oxon.sch.uk to inform the school. **The link to the NHS screen can be found at:** <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

What will happen if your child reports that they have symptoms which could indicate Coronavirus during the school day?

I am sure you will appreciate that currently there are many students presenting to reception feeling ill and reporting symptoms which indicate they may have the Coronavirus. We are required to contact parents in such circumstances. It is parents' responsibility to carry out the screen on NHS 111 and make a decision regarding their child's health, and the need for family self-isolation. If the school contacts you, you will need to make arrangements to collect your child as soon as possible.

If you carry out the screen on the NHS 111 website and you believe your child does not have the symptoms of Coronavirus, please speak to them about the situation and contact the school. If they return to school and report symptoms again, or if we believe that they have symptoms, we would need to contact you and ask you to collect them from school again.

What about siblings of a child who has reported symptoms of Coronavirus at school?

When you collect your child, you will need to make a decision about whether the family need to self-isolate. If this is the case, then all siblings will also need to be collected from school.

If your child is required to self-isolate, please contact the School Attendance Officer in the normal way, giving full details of the situation. **We now only require you to update us on your child's condition every three days while they are absent from school. This is different from our normal absence procedures.** We are aware that certain people with underlying health conditions are being advised by their medical teams to self-isolate as a precautionary measure. If this applies to your family, again please contact the school.

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We have decided to take a number of measures as a precaution and also to help us with the efficient running of the school and we ask for your understanding at this very difficult time for everyone:-

- **What to do if your child is off school due to 14-day self-isolation**
From Thursday morning there will be work available on the school VLE at: (<https://bgn.myvle.co.uk/login/>). Pupils should log on to the VLE and access the relevant subject where they will find a folder called '**Studying at home**'. Please be mindful of the fact that staff are working tirelessly to provide resources but they are currently also teaching a full timetable and covering for colleagues.
- **Yr10 Parents' Evening will not go ahead on Thursday 23 April**
- We have taken the decision to cancel all upcoming school trips for the remainder of this academic term. This will include all sporting fixtures. We will do everything in our power to reclaim the cost for cancelled trips and will inform you regarding this in due course. However, refunds cannot be guaranteed.
- We have decided to cancel the Yr10 work experience which was planned for week beginning Monday 23 March so Yr10s should attend school as normal that week unless the school has been closed.

Students have been reminded in Assembly of the importance of regular hand washing and maintaining hygiene. We have a very stringent hygiene regime in school and additional measures have been put in place and will continue.

There may be further action that we will be required to take and we will keep you informed as the situation develops.

We will update parents of students sitting external exams this summer with any changes or advice received from JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) who administer exam arrangements.

Communication between BGN and parents for general issues will primarily be through the school website/email so please check this regularly.

Please be assured the school is adhering to all relevant guidelines to keep our staff and students as safe as possible in the current circumstances.

Yours sincerely



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