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Dear Parent / Carer

Coronavirus Update

I am writing to you with a further update on the Coronavirus.

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to reassert the content of a ParentMail message that we sent out earlier today. As of now, the school remains open, though we are planning for other eventualities. Posting speculation and rumour on social media is, at best, unhelpful. Our Reception staff have lost a huge amount of time today fielding phone calls from parents who have read a particular post on "Buckingham: What Matters To You". This unnecessary work has interfered with important safeguarding duties.

The Government's advice continues to be available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

NHS advice is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

The advice has strengthened and is now that people with a high temperature, or a new, dry cough, should stay at home for seven days. Given the nature of a school community, we urge our students and staff to follow this advice fully. If you have any questions, please call 111.

Clearly, this advice will affect school attendance, and parents' attendance of school events, but we should all remain vigilant and follow the guidance that is issued to us.

We are aware of the latest Governmental guidance regarding school trips overseas. We do not have any trips due to go overseas until May and so any decisions around these will depend upon the guidance that is in place nearer the time. As of now, we are still planning to run these trips.

There are some school events planned in the upcoming period, including two crucial parents' evenings, for year 11 and year 13. At this time, these events are definitely running. You will receive notification from the school if any events are cancelled.

You have and will continue to receive information about our plans to continue with education and examination preparation in the event of closure.

Yours faithfully

Mr A McGinnes

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The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to Mrs K Bones at kbones@buckinghamsschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.

