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Dear Parents and carers,

As the pandemic continues to grow we are making detailed preparations to cope with either a partial or full school closure.

I can assure you that our main priority remains the safety and well-being of students and their families. We are continuing with the precautions that we have put in place and I am glad to say that we have sufficient supplies of soap.

I urge all parents to continue to check the Government advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

May I remind parents that **students should self-isolate for 14 days if any member of the household has a continuous cough or high temperature.**

The challenging situation is changing every day and we are determined to ensure that whatever happens, we will do our best to provide a high quality education for all learners. In the event of a partial or full closure, we will supply work for students via ClassCharts that will follow a student's normal timetable. Staff will ensure that remote learning tasks are appropriate for an hour in length for each subject they would usually have on that day.

Staff have also created 'Google classrooms' with additional resources. Google Classrooms has the ability to interact with students and students will be able to share work with classmates and colleagues. Instructions on how to access Google Classrooms are included with this letter.

If your child is unable to access either the internet or a computer at home, please can you inform the school office as soon as possible. We will provide packs of work or textbooks to children who cannot access the internet.

As we continue to rise to the challenge of staff absence, we may need to adjust classes and timetables for students. In light of this, please can students bring their PE kit to school or leave it in their lockers. This will give us more flexibility when planning provision.

I understand that parents of Year 11 children will be particularly concerned at this time. I can assure you that Year 11 are our highest priority and we will continue to update you with any information we receive in response to examinations.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes for your family,

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Helen Watts