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Dear Parents / Carers / Friends,

I am writing to update you on our school's current position with regards to the Coronavirus outbreak. We fully intend to remain open for as long as possible. Government advice is to self-isolate at home for 7 days if any symptoms are present (a new continuous cough and / or a high temperature). This means we may experience a high volume of staff absence which compromises the safe running of our school, forcing us to move into a phase of partial opening.

Partial opening for students at Kite Ridge School means they will attend school every other day. Having half the students in at one time means we will be able to operate safely. You will be notified if and when this happens and advised of your child's attendance pattern.

If we are required to move into a phase of partial opening we will endeavor to maintain this for as long as possible. In the unfortunate event that we need to completely close the school we will notify you immediately.

I am sure you are all monitoring the advice given by the government. Anyone showing symptoms should self-isolate at home for at least 7 days. The symptoms are:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature

There is no need to contact 111 unless any of the following apply:

- You feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- Your condition gets worse
- Your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

Please notify us of any student absences in the usual way by telephoning the school on 01494 448497.

We will be asking staff to follow the same advice and will continue to update parents and carers.

In the meantime, we would echo the advice from Public Health England that good hygiene and the regular washing of hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and hot water are the best precautions to avoid contracting the illness. You should avoid touching any part of your face which again raises the chance of infection.

Whilst this remains a serious situation we are reassured that young and healthy people are unlikely to suffer serious complications with this illness so we ask parents to support us by trying to keep our young people as calm as possible about the situation.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Sneesby
Headteacher