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Dear families,

Following on from the letter sent yesterday, I wanted to update you on the evolving situation as it stands within school.

Despite increased staff absence today, we have managed to maintain a full curriculum for all Year groups 7 through to 13 and plan to do the same again tomorrow with the support of some external supply staff. However, as more staff are required to self-isolate or socially distance themselves for their own protection, we will need to review our provision, where it will be necessary to ask some year groups to remain at home.

This decision will not be taken lightly but we believe that it will be the only course of action available to us in order to keep students safe and for high quality learning to take place in school.

In the meantime, can I please remind all families to keep all siblings at home if anyone in the household is displaying symptoms in line with the Government guidance. Please also continue to phone attendance in the usual way, stating clearly if your child's absence is coronavirus related (either due to the child themselves displaying symptoms, isolating due to another member of the household showing symptoms, or if a child themselves is considered part of a vulnerable group and is therefore being asked to socially distance themselves in the next few days).

The following link once again provides the most up to date advice: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> and for educational settings in particular: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

I appreciate that these are worrying times for many families both in terms of health, but also socially and economically, not to mention the pressure that many of our young people feel under. We want to do all that we can to support our community and I am pleased to say that our students have responded extremely well today. We must all continue to advocate the public health advice and reassure our young people.

We will be in touch again via School Comms tomorrow with plans for Thursday and Friday.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Jo Meloni
Headteacher

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