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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to yesterday's announcement by the Prime Minister during his press briefing, we wanted to reiterate the latest advice in place for students, staff and parents.

The key points from the latest advice are summarised below. As a school, we ask you to follow this advice carefully. If you are displaying any symptoms, or a member of your family has any symptoms, do not attend school. Contact the school to let us know and follow the government guidance. For those in vulnerable groups, please seriously take on board the advice outlined below and as given by the Government, NHS and Public Health England.

If anyone starts to display symptoms whilst at school, we will look to isolate them whilst arrangements are made for them to go home. Your support and assistance during this time is greatly appreciated.

For staff and children who (along with their families) are not displaying symptoms, then the advice is to continue to attend school as normal, whilst continuing to observe good hand and respiratory hygiene and other relevant government advice.

If you are displaying any symptoms

Symptoms include a **new persistent cough and/or a high temperature**.

Displaying such symptoms should lead to the following:

Isolation for 14 days

Should you display any symptoms, we ask you not to attend school and follow the government guidance on isolating at home for a period of 14 days. The latest guidance also advises that all family members should isolate for the same period, regardless if they are not showing symptoms.

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

For those who live with a family member in the vulnerable groups (identified below), the guidance is to follow the household isolation guidance as above.

If you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, or your condition gets worse, or your symptoms do not get better after 7 days, then use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service. If you do not have internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

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If you're not displaying any symptoms

Social Distancing Measures

For the avoidance of doubt, the current guidance does not advise against attending school if you and your family are not displaying symptoms.

It is advised that, wherever possible, everyone should look to implement the following social distancing measures:

1. Avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). These symptoms include high temperature and/or new and continuous cough
2. Avoid non-essential use of public transport, varying your travel times to avoid rush hour, when possible
3. Work from home, where possible. Your employer should support you to do this. Please refer to employer guidance for more information
4. Avoid large gatherings, and gatherings in smaller public spaces such as pubs, cinemas, restaurants, theatres, bars, clubs
5. Avoid gatherings with friends and family. Keep in touch using remote technology such as phone, internet, and social media
6. Use telephone or online services to contact your GP or other essential services

Everyone should be trying to follow these measures as much as is pragmatic.

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Vulnerable Groups –this refers to:

- people over the age of 70
- adults who have an underlying health condition who are instructed to get a flu jab as an adult each year on medical grounds
- pregnant women

For those in the above groups, it is strongly advised you follow the above measures as much as you can, and to significantly limit your face-to-face interaction with friends and family if possible.

This advice is likely to be in place for some weeks.

We will continue to update you with further information by our normal communication channels. Please contact us directly if you have any further questions or concerns.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support.



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Please can I remind you that in case of partial or full school closure that we have the following in place to support child's learning.

Such planning will include:

- All Year 11 will be provided with a school email address to access school platforms.
- Departments will be giving Yr11 students revision packs and ongoing work. Students already have revision guides which they should continue to use.
- To support Science in years 9 to 11, all students have a Tassomai login, Tassomai covers all GCSE topics, tracks and monitors studies and directs questions and learning. This will be monitored by the Science department.
- All year groups can access Maths Watch via the following link www.vle.mathswatch.co.uk user name: year11@prescot and password: Prescottyear11 (please note although it is just for year 11 it is for all year groups). Maths watch allows all students to watch videos that explains topics and download worksheets to complete.
- BBC Bitesize can be used by all year groups. For KS4 pupils, there is a list of exam boards on the reverse of this letter as learning on BBC bitesize is exam board specific and will support your revision.
- Subject Knowledge Organisers (SKO) are available on our website for Years 7 and 8.
- Homework will be set on ClassCharts for students.

It is important that we continue to support learning in the absence of school operating as normal, to help thus, please encourage your child to continue to have a routine.

- Get up and dressed ready to learn
- Follow the usual timetable for the day
- Complete the work set and make sure they go over the work and ensure they understand and are actively learning.

We know our children are concerned about the current situation, support and help can be found on the following websites: <https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/talking-to-your-child-about-coronavirus/>
<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-re-anxious-about-coronavirus/> – these links are also available on our website or twitter @prescotschool

All children should have a ClassCharts login, if you do not have that, please email school at info@prescotschool.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support as you can appreciate things change quickly, please keep in touch with us via our website or twitter account or by emailing info@prescotschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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