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Dear Parent/Carers

Update on Coronavirus Situation

I am writing to give you a brief update on the coronavirus situation. Firstly, I would like to thank you for the way you, as parents and carers, have responded to things. Any situation like this sort can be worrying for parents, particularly with the possible impact of the virus on other family members like grandparents. School has remained calm and focussed on our usual teaching and learning – thank you for helping to make this happen.

As you know from previous communication, we are following government advice and currently there has been no change to the advice we have been given. If advice does change, I will write to let you know. Below are several key points for you to be aware of:

- Please do not give weight to rumours and please do not pass them on. Any information you need to know concerning Southchurch High School will be passed on immediately by us
- Depending on how the situation develops, we may, with other schools, be asked to close for a period of time. If this happens, we need to ensure that we are as well prepared as possible, we are asking that:
 - All students have access to a computer and the internet, or alternatively a smartphone at home
 - All students must know how to log onto and use the Ericom remote service
 - Students must ensure any files they need to work on are uploaded to student shared drive
 - Students should ensure they have resources at home for each subject to enable them to complete work set by teaching staff.

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet at home, please let us know as soon as possible by email at info@southchurchschool.com.

We are asking all parents to maintain lines of communication through text messaging and the school website.

We continue to receive daily update from the DfE and Public Health England, who are the only bodies that can make a decision about school closures.

Should we have to close, we will expect all students to maintain contact through school emails and the Ericom remote service.

We will continue to keep you informed as the situation changes.

Yours sincerely

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