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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Although we have been regularly updating the website and Facebook, we are writing to tell you about the precautions we are taking as the coronavirus situation continues.

We recognise that this is uncertain times for all of us, **but I want to reassure you that we are doing all that we can to minimise any risk to our staff and students.** The safety of our students, residents and staff is our primary concern.

What you should do:

We continue to follow the advice of Public Health England, if you or your children have been with someone with coronavirus or have returned from an affected area identified by the Chief Medical Officer as high risk and you are feeling unwell with a cough, difficulty breathing or fever over 37.7°, stay at home and use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service or call NHS 111. Please update us by calling 01373 823028.

What we are doing:

We are continuing to maintain very high standards of hygiene around the College and in our houses. We are reminding students and residents to regularly wash their hands throughout the day. We have posters, pictures and videos to support students with hand washing and hygiene and staff are both vigilant and supportive. **We do not have any students or staff in self-isolation and have not been alerted to anyone who may be suffering from the virus.**

It is not our intention to close the College or our houses. The only circumstances in which we would do so is if the government enforce closure of all schools and colleges. It was clear from Boris Johnson's speech today that it is their intention to keep all schools and colleges open. Should this change and we have to close, we will email details to you and post on our website and social media sites. Please do not listen to rumour and speculation. The houses will remain open for residents where the College is their permanent home. Equally, the commercial areas of the Trust will remain open.

We are grateful to all parents, carers, families and staff for continuing to prioritise the education and wellbeing of students and residents during these chaotic times.

Best wishes



Dr Tina Pagett
CEO/Principal