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Dear Parents/Carer

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19): Update to Guidance

We are sharing the latest information regarding the Coronavirus outbreak to ensure that you have access to all the current available guidance. The information below is to ensure that you are well informed and will know what to do if you have any concerns. I have written to parents of our more vulnerable students with specific advice and guidance.

I would like to thank all of our staff and parents who have shown understanding during this difficult time. Additionally, staff are working around the clock to put resource packs together in the event of a school closure, to ensure that those students who do not have internet access will still have access to educational literature.

<https://queensburysch.com/online-learning-links/>

Currently we have no further information regarding exams however, our understanding is that there are a number of measures that will be available.

The **key new government measures** are:

- **If one person in any household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days**
- Everyone should avoid gatherings and crowded places, such as pubs, clubs and theatres
- Everyone should work from home if they can
- All "unnecessary" visits to friends and relatives in care homes should cease
- People should only use the NHS "where we really need to" - and can reduce the burden on workers by getting advice on [the NHS website](#) where possible
- By next weekend, those with the most serious health conditions must be "largely shielded from social contact for around 12 weeks"
- The UK is now "three weeks" behind Italy - the worst-hit country in Europe
- Those people should, if possible, avoid leaving the house "even to buy food or essentials" - but they may leave the house "for exercise and, in that case, at a safe distance from others"
- Schools will not be closed for the moment



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Chief medical adviser Prof Chris Whitty said the group of people who should take "particular care to minimise their social contact" were:

- People over the age of 70
- Other adults who would normally be advised to have the flu vaccine (such as those with chronic diseases)
- Pregnant women

We will continue to keep you updated if guidance changes and we will also post key information on our web.

- <https://queensburysch.com/corona-virus/>
- <https://queensburysch.com/letters/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr David Bishop

&

Mr Chris Wilson

**Chair of the IEB
On behalf of the IEB**

**Interim Head teacher
with executive powers**



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