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Dear parents/carers

I am writing to update you as to the Trust's current response to Covid-19. The situation is a very fluid and rapidly changing one and the information is accurate at the time of writing. However, as the situation continues to develop I will keep you updated.

We want to keep things as 'normal as possible' whilst ensuring that we are making a proportionate response to the situation.

We would like everyone who is well to be in school but are taking the measures below (as advised by the Government) to protect our community and the wider public:

- Upon entry to school everyone is expected to wash their hands or use hand sanitiser
- We would ask that parents minimise visits to school and that you telephone or email us if at all possible as we will not be meeting face to face with parents at this time

Public Health England advise the following (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance#history>):

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or high temperature. If you have these symptoms, however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 14 days from when your symptoms started. You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Wash your hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds using soap and hot water, particularly after coughing, sneezing and blowing your nose, or after being in public areas where other people are doing so. Use hand sanitiser if that's all you have access to.

To reduce the spread of germs when you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, or your sleeve (not your hands) if you don't have a tissue, and throw the tissue away immediately. Then wash your hands or use a hand sanitising gel.

Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces using your regular cleaning products to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

At the current time and based on our understanding of what is known of COVID-19 and other similar respiratory viruses, it is likely that older people and those with chronic medical conditions may be vulnerable to severe disease. As more information emerges, recommendations may change.

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We will do our best to stay fully open for as long as we are able, however given the ever changing situation we will assess on a daily basis our ability to stay open to all students. If we are instructed by Government to close our schools we will obviously do so.

In the event of a full school closure all our students will have daily phone contact from staff, to check on their welfare, with at least one weekly face to face visit. Learning will continue as best we are able with work provided to home either via work packs or online learning.

The main public examination season is approaching and, at this time, we are informed that all exams will proceed as normal. Given the extraordinary situation this may change but we will keep you informed and continue to work with year 11 and Post 16 students in exam preparation.

In the event of closure we will provide regular updates on our website www.stephensonmktrust.org.uk. Staff will continue to maintain email contact with each other and will continue to monitor their emails daily and respond to any queries. Please feel free to make contact this way.

All of you and your families are in my thoughts at this very difficult time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Barrett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Neil Barrett
Executive Principal