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Dear Parents

Coronavirus action update

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I am writing to update you on the current guidance in relation to the Coronavirus and how Northfleet Technology College (NTC) is responding to this. As you will be aware, the situation with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is continually changing.

The following link will take you to the latest guidance from the Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England (PHE) regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Please be assured that we continue to follow all the advice from the relevant Government Departments.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/wuhan-novel-coronavirus>

In light of recent advice, our current actions are:

- Students are being reminded of the importance of good hand and respiratory hygiene.
- Staff are aware of the symptoms of Coronavirus and if anyone is spotted with these, we will follow the latest PHE advice and inform parents immediately.
- Following Government announcements yesterday, we are authorising self-isolation for any students with symptoms of a continuous cough and/or high temperature. If your child has these symptoms, we would ask you to let us know through the usual absence contact details.
- We are risk assessing all school trips in light of developments. We fully intend to run as many as possible, however if any have to be cancelled we will inform parents as soon as possible.
- All student water fountains will not be in use until further notice in order to prevent any undue spread of germs. Please ensure your child has a bottle of water with them.
- If there is a confirmed case of Coronavirus at the school we will inform parents immediately.
- **NTC will continue to remain open until advised otherwise.**

I appreciate that this is a concerning time given the heightened media attention at present around the virus, but please be assured that we will continue to monitor the situation very closely and will respond accordingly. It is, obviously, imperative for us to be cautious but to maintain a good sense of perspective at all times.

We thank you for working with us during this exceptional time and would like to remind you that all communications on this matter will be via letter, text, email, Edu-Link & the school website.

Yours sincerely



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