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Dear Parents

We are living in extraordinary times. Our current advice from the Government is to remain open, which we will do for as long as possible. That being said, the advice that we are all receiving is evolving daily, as we know. We will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as they become necessary.

To reiterate the **national advice**:

Stay at home if you have the following coronavirus symptoms:-

A high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back

A new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

The current advice is that if you live with other people, the whole family should stay at home for at least 14 days, to avoid spreading the infection outside the home. After 14 days, anyone you live with who does not have symptoms can return to their normal routine. However, if anyone in your home gets symptoms, they should stay at home for 7 days from the day their symptoms start, even if it means they're at home longer than 14 days.

In light of the virus and the advice that we have received, the following events have regrettably been cancelled:

- Founder's Day service
- Y12/13 Parents' Evening
- Spring Celebration
- Y7 and Y9 Parents' Evenings
- Fun Run

We hope that some of these can be rescheduled after the current situation has passed. I will - over the coming days and weeks - continue to communicate through this forum and letters, as we have done over recent days to different individual year groups.

Throughout this difficult time I thank all of our school community for your continued messages of support and ongoing patience.

Finally a couple of reminders:

- The deadline for **Y8 Options Forms** is this Friday 20 March
- The last day of the Spring Term is Thursday 2 April 2020

Yours sincerely



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