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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Coronavirus COVID-19 Update – Secondary Phase

I am writing to update you on the current precautions the school is putting in place with regards to COVID19, (Coronavirus). School is following the advice provided by Public Health England/Government.

In school we have reaffirmed the need for pupils, students, staff and visitors to wash their hands regularly and would also like to bring to your attention the posters from Public Health England which you will see throughout the school building.

The aim is to keep all pupils and staff at Rowhill safe. **Therefore, I must now request that if your child or anyone in your household develops a continuous cough or a high temperature then you must keep your child at home for at least 7 days to protect others and help slow the spread of disease.** This absence will be marked as “authorised absence”.

If a significant number of staff are unwell this could result in a partial closure of the school. Rowhill will remain open and the usual school day will continue unless we are advised otherwise by the Government. However, for Health and Safety reasons this course of action may need to take place. We will be contacting all parents/carers today via school comms, telephone calls and website updates to advise every one of the current situation. In the unlikely event we have to close the school due to a confirmed case of Conoravirus or levels of staff absence we will use our normal school closure reporting procedures which are:

- Parent Comms
- Notification on KCC School closure website www.kentclosures.co.uk
- Notification on the school website

By following this guidance, you will ensure your own safety and that of others in the school. We will keep you updated with current information as soon as we have any. If there are any major changes we will inform parents immediately.

We are currently gathering work together which can be sent home for completion if steps to close schools are taken. This will be electronically sent, however, if you would like this work in hard copy please contact us and we will send home paper copies.

I would like to reassure parents and carers that we are maintaining a calm and measured approach to this situation. Thank you for your on-going support in managing this complex situation. Please be assured that the school is doing everything to help keep pupils and staff safe.

Yours sincerely

G Bartrum
Head Teacher