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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to update on the latest guidance issued by the government in regard to COVID-19 and to outline in advance the contingency measures that will be taken by the school in the event that it is required to close due to the virus.

The latest medical advice from GOV.UK, which we would ask you to adhere to in regards to your child, is as below:

What to do if you have symptoms

Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough

This will help to protect others in your community while you are infectious.

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

We will not be testing people who are self-isolating with mild symptoms.

The government is updating their advice regularly on https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response

The school will continue to encourage students to wash their hands thoroughly and frequently at school.

During any period of whole school enforced closure, teachers will continue to set work for all students which will be in line with their normal timetable and home learning allocation for each subject. School leaders and heads of subject have prepared online learning in the event that we are forced to close. Students should use Google Classroom and Show My Homework and follow the instructions from their teachers. Students will be fully briefed how to access these platforms, and you will also receive guidance documents. I must emphasise that in the event the buildings have to be closed, Campion School is not closed for learning. For students who we know do not currently have internet access at home we are preparing hard copy packs. If you need to update us on your circumstances in this regard please do contact us as a matter of priority.

If your son/daughter cannot access the work set online please contact our IT team via either emails below: <u>All_ICTSupport@campion.northants.sch.uk</u> <u>Csoffice@campion.northants.sch.uk</u>

Parents/carers of any public examination students will be alerted should there be any relevant Ofqual (Office of Qualifications and Examinations) announcements regarding public examinations such as GCSE and A Levels. The current statement from Ofqual is:







We recognise that students, parents, schools and colleges will be concerned about the possible impact of coronavirus on the 2020 summer exam series. Our advice at this time is to continue to prepare for exams and other assessments as normal.

We continue to work closely with exam boards, other regulators and the Department for Education and we have met to plan for a range of scenarios, as the public would expect. Our overriding priorities are fairness to students this summer and keeping disruption to a minimum.

It is still many weeks until exams start and we will issue updated advice if necessary, giving schools and colleges as much notice as possible.

The government currently advises against all overseas education trips for children under the age of 18 and we will be adhering to this. Further information will be sent to individual parents shortly.

If you wish to contact the school during a period of enforced school closure please email csoffice@campion.northants.sch.uk. All correspondence will be regularly monitored and directed to the relevant members of staff. Regular updates will be sent via parentmail, on our website and on our school Twitter and Facebook pages.

Yours sincerely

Patricia Hammond Headteacher

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