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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may be aware, elsewhere in Tameside two cases of COVID-19 (also known as coronavirus) have been confirmed. Clearly this is a concerning time for parents and our community. As a school, we receive regular updates on COVID-19 from central government, Public Health England and the local authority.

As a school, we will continue to keep you updated in relation to COVID-19 via text messages, the website and social media. Although we have had no confirmed cases within school, we must follow advice given to us by the government. This means that pupils who have a cough or a temperature should self-isolate and not leave their house for 7 days. Parents should notify school where this is the case.

The government is currently advising schools not to close. In the event that in the coming weeks we are forced to close the school, we will inform parents at the earliest opportunity via the website, letters and text messages. We will endeavour to provide pupils work via Show My Homework and other online platforms. Staff are preparing resources and reminding pupils of their logins to any of the sites or apps they use in their subjects. Year 11 pupils will also be provided with revision packs to support their studies. As regards GCSE examinations, if these are affected, any decisions will be taken by Ofqual and, of course, we will share updates with you when we are made aware of any changes. We will also provide updates through the school's website and social media platforms.

This is an unprecedented situation and there are likely to be ongoing updates in the advice given to us. Therefore, we may need to make further changes at short notice. The safety of our school community is paramount to us. I know that you will continue to show us the usual unwavering support through the coming weeks. Please do not hesitate to contact school with any further queries.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Linda Emmett Headteacher