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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your continued support. We are aware that we now have a number of children self-isolating and that this number will increase due to the new self-isolation categories and guidelines issued by the government today. Our thoughts are with any families who are unwell.

Until we are advised otherwise, we are working hard to keep the school open and our pupils safe. However, we have taken measures today to support pupils in the event of a school closure. Pupils have had a drop down morning to allow staff to gather resources and learning materials to enable pupils to keep up to date with their studies and follow a relevant curriculum in the event of a closure.

Your child will come home tonight and over the next few days with books and work to complete at home but **this is only to be done if we close**. Teachers may also be setting work online and pupils will need to access their school accounts from home. If you do not have access to a computer hard copies will be made available from the school office. Unfortunately, we are not able to deliver these for you. If you know someone who could pick one up for you and leave outside your house please tell them to pick the folder up from reception

For those pupils who are already self-isolating, we would also recommend that they complete the work if they are well enough to do so and if a friend or family member is able to call at the school office. If you should have any queries and/or unsure on how to proceed, please contact office@ryecroft.staffs.sch.uk and your message will be directed to the appropriate person.

Finally, please see the updated guidance below from public health:

The Government recently announced the introduction of new stringent measures to help tackle the coronavirus outbreak in the country.

These are being introduced because of the rapid increase in cases and aim to push the peak of cases into the summer to ease the pressure on the NHS.

Here are the key points:

- Anyone who has a new persistent cough or a temperature of 37.8C or above and anyone who lives with them should stay at home for 14 days
- People should minimise social contact and avoid public transport, pubs, clubs, theatres and other such social venues
- People should start working from home where they possibly can
- Those over 70 or those who have a significant health condition as well as women who are pregnant need to take extra care to minimise social contact for 12 weeks from the end of this week
- Only use the NHS when we really need to
- From tomorrow government will no longer be "supporting" mass gatherings using emergency workers

We will continue to review all information at this difficult time and share it with you as promptly as possible, we do not currently have any confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in school.

Yours sincerely

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