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Dear Parent/Carer

COLLEGE RESPONSE TO UPDATED ADVICE ON CORONAVIRUS

I am writing to you following the half term holiday and in light of revised advice from East Sussex County Council on the coronavirus. I can inform you that four students have been advised to self-isolate further to the location of their half term holiday. We do not have any sense, at this stage, that any member of our community has a diagnosis of concern. We remain in communication with the families who will inform us if there are any further developments. The College has already proactively responded and I am sharing with you here generic guidance from Public Health England which is applicable to all settings. I would appreciate your support in discussing these preventative methods with your son/daughter:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/866771/Coronavirus_advice_for_education_settings_poster.pdf

This week we will be actioning the following:

- A repeated reminder, already given in November, of the importance of basic hygiene and in particular effective handwashing using soap (see the attached poster).
- Our premises team has already conducted a deep clean of the site over the holiday and will be redirecting resources to ensure that high usage areas will be disinfected on a daily basis.
- Duty staff in and around eating areas such as the Canteen, Quad and Snack Shack will be equipped with hand sanitiser which students will be expected to apply before eating. If you would prefer your son/daughter to use their own please provide them with such.
- Any students or staff with possible symptoms will be advised to seek medical guidance as per government and NHS advice.

We will continue to monitor the official guidance carefully, including planned travel arrangements, continuing to work in partnership with ESCC. Parents will need to make

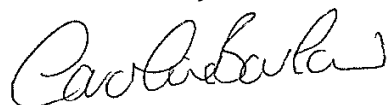


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individual decisions about their own children if there are individualised circumstances, we will be as transparent as possible and should the advice and information change we will of course update you as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your continued support and understanding in the light of potentially fast changing circumstances.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Barlow', written in a cursive style.

MS C BARLOW
Headteacher