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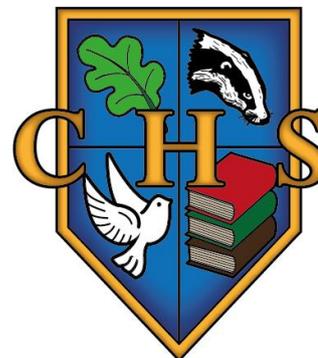
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## Immediate School Closure

Dear Parents / Carers,

This morning it has become clear that one of our teaching staff has developed symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours. This member of staff came into close contact with the entire staff team yesterday during our INSET day.

We have contacted Public Health England who have informed us that all staff now need to self-isolate ASAP for a period of 7 days. Unfortunately, we are therefore required to close the school for this period. We are therefore making arrangements to get all our students home as soon as possible today. You will receive a text shortly asking you to contact the school to advise if you are able to collect your child or what time you will be home if we can arrange an early transport pickup. We will provide school lunches already ordered for those students who are still with us.

We are advised that students are not required to self-isolate during this 7-day school closure as they did not come into direct contact with a symptomatic person. However, if they develop symptoms during this period (high temperature and/or new persistent cough) they and those in their household should self-isolate for 14 days from the day the symptoms first appear.

We are sending home a pack of learning materials with every student, providing up to 14 days of work in most subject areas. We are looking at how we can continue to support your child's education, even when they are not at school, and will send you further information.

At this point, we are hoping to reopen on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March after all staff have completed their period of self-isolation and the school has been deep cleaned. If there is any change to this we will, of course, contact you via ParentMail with the latest information. We will endeavour to make sure our website is also regularly updated.

Thank you for your support and understanding in these challenging times.

Kind regards,

Tim

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Headteacher