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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the Prime Minister's statement on coronavirus yesterday, Public Health England have issued updated guidance on what to do if you have any of these symptoms, however mild:

- new continuous cough
- high temperature

The main messages are:

- **if you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started.**
 - plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home
 - ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home
- stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible
 - sleep alone, if that is possible
 - wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water
- stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible

these actions will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious

Wimborne Academy Trust and its schools **ask that all parents and carers follow this guidance for their children with immediate effect.**

Should you need to take your child out of school having followed government guidance it will be recorded as an authorised absence.

In the event of staffing being affected at your child's school, some changes may need to be made to the way lessons are delivered. Should this occur, we will notify you of this as soon as possible.

As a Trust we are keen to ensure that we are supporting staff, parents, carers and pupils wherever possible. We want to thank you for your support and understanding.

Further information can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Yours sincerely



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