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"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

13 March 2020

Dear parents/carers

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for your calmness and patience during the unprecedented times we are in. I would also like to wish everyone good health and peace in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Today we shared the following prayer in our school community that I am sure you would wish to join us in saying it.

Further to the Government advice we received yesterday I wanted to outline the actions that the school is currently taking in respect of advice around Coronavirus COVID-19.

- All students have routinely been spoken to during Tutor time about the importance of handwashing and good hygiene and all our toilets are well stocked with soap.
- Our clearing staff have increased the level of disinfection cleaning to include all door handles, handrails, keyboards and mice on a daily basis.
- We have adopted a no handshake policy and all visitors and staff are expected and advised to wash their hands on arrival to the school.
- All non-essential meetings, trips and events have been postponed, this includes:
 - Year 9 Parents Evening on Thursday 19th March 2020
 - Presentation Evening on Wednesday 1st April 2020
 - The production of Mary Poppins on 25th/26th March 2020
 - All Duke of Edinburgh expeditions
 - All sporting fixtures and competitions
 - The Year 12 Worcester University Visit on Thursday 19th March 2020
 - The Ski Trip to Austria in April
 - The Lourdes Pilgrimage in May
 - The Sicily trip in May
- All students have, this morning, been reissued and reminded about their ClassCharts log ins and school emails. This is so that in the event of any student needing to work from home, under the current Government self-isolation guidance, they will be able to access work.
- Teaching staff have already begun planning and preparing online resources for students to access in the event of a student having to work from home, with particular emphasis on work for Year 11 and 13 in the first instance with their examinations only a few weeks away.

*Christ be with me,
Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore
me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ in quiet,
Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love
me,
Christ in mouth of friend and
stranger.*

*Lord Jesus, you came that we
might have life in all its fullness.*

*In this time of sickness and the
fear of sickness, give me the
health of mind – that I might
seek out wise guidance and act
upon it; the health of body – that
will enable me to serve you and
those around me; the health of
spirit – that my soul rests in the
secure knowledge that there is
nothing that can separate me
from the Father's love.*

*Give me the grace to share your
peace – that peace the world
cannot give.*

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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I would also like to further reiterate all the Government advice we have received. Following the Prime Minister's statement yesterday, additional guidance can be found via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

In the event of anyone showing symptoms of the virus, that include a high temperature and/or new and continuous dry cough they should self-isolate for 7 days. Further advice can be found via this link: [Latest Public Health Guidance](#)

The Guidance we are following as an educational setting can be found here: [Guidance for Educational Settings](#)

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is also available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:
Phone: 0800 046 8687
Opening hours: 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday

I would also ask that any parents/carers who have concerns about their health or their child's and have made decisions to self-isolate do advise school directly by calling school and selecting option 1 to leave a message for our Attendance Officer or emailing Mrs King at rking@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk.

In the meantime, we shall continue to follow all the relevant and appropriate advice and guidance and should anything change be sure to communicate this with you immediately.

With every good wish, prayer and blessing.

Yours sincerely



J Hodgson
Principal