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To: Parents & Guardians of Battle Abbey School (Nursery to Year 13)

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

I am writing to further update you on the School's arrangements and contingencies regarding the coronavirus outbreak. We are very aware that the situation continues to move very quickly on both a national and local level which has resulted in one prep school closing in East Sussex.

At Battle Abbey School we have reviewed the school calendar for the weeks ahead and are going to postpone or cancel many non-essential events and further information will be sent separately on these events.

Additionally, we meet daily to discuss the implications of the latest advice issued by Public Health England (PHE), the Boarding Schools Association (BSA), the UK Government and other relevant bodies. We have reviewed (and will continue to review) the arrangements for lunch & other meal times, cleaning, the close monitoring (and necessity) of visitors and other protocols such as the receipt of deliveries.

Battle Abbey School will only close if told it is essential by the UK Government or other official body and is currently fully open and operational. However, should a member of staff be absent or your child is not able to attend or the UK Government changes policy with regards school openings we are still able to provide teaching via the online platforms (Firefly, Microsoft Teams, email etc.) outlined in the letter from Mr Austen-White last week.

Should you have any concerns or enquiries with regards whether you should send your child into school, then please contact a member of the Health and Welfare team on medical@battleabbey.school Tel: 01424 772385

The latest advice from PHE (Public Health England) can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>.

If you or your child is displaying the key symptoms of a new, continuous cough or high temperature, stay at home for seven days as advised by the latest NHS advice <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

If this is the case, please let us know using the medical@battleabbey.school email address.

We are most grateful to you all for your co-operation and understanding in this matter.

Mr. David Clark
Headmaster