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## To Parents & Guardians of Boarding Students at Marylands

### UPDATE ON BOARDING STUDENTS AT MARYLANDS

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March we temporarily isolated boarders at Marylands because one of the students had a raised temperature. This was seen as a precautionary measure whilst we sought advice from Public Health England in line with our approach of being overly cautious. The UK Government stance changed that evening to insist that anybody within a household (a boarding house is considered a household) should isolate for 14 days if somebody displays any potential symptoms of the coronavirus. Therefore, we have no choice, but to isolate Marylands boarders for 14 days (until 30.03.20).

Please be assured that we have not taken this decision lightly and have little choice in the matter. Marylands continues to be supervised and students are supplied with everything they need and teachers are in regular touch with work to be completed.

It is important that this isolation period is completed and we are happy if parents would prefer for their children to transfer back home or re-locate to a guardian. Wherever they are based, the boarders will have all lessons and support provided by their teachers – either via Firefly or using other virtual learning platforms. ***Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like for your child (children) to move out of Marylands during this isolation period.***

I expect that once the isolation period has expired, the Marylands boarders will be fully able to re-connect with the school community. Additionally, we still plan to offer accommodation for boarders over the Easter holidays if required.

If you have any questions, then please contact a member of the Health and Welfare team on [medical@battleabbey.school](mailto:medical@battleabbey.school) Tel: 01424 772385

We are most grateful to you all for your co-operation and understanding in this matter, and will continue to keep you informed of any further developments.

Mr David Clark  
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