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Dear Parent/Carer

We wanted to share with you the current situation with regards to the Coronavirus COVID-19 as it applies to Venerable Bede Academy. As always the health and wellbeing of our pupils, their families and our staff is at the heart of all actions we might take. The current situation and advice given to schools is very fluid. We are continually monitoring all of the updates, which have been issued by the UK Government and Public Health England.

At this point, the risk to individual pupils in school appears to be very low. Current school advice is to continue as usual, whilst maintaining a high level of vigilance for staff and pupils' wellbeing. We can all do this by all following the current guidance issued by the Government, which can be found by following the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

In school we are following all of the routine and deep cleaning guidelines, as well as personal hygiene guidelines, which have been issued by the Government and Public Health England. I know that you are supporting us in doing the same.

As the Government has moved to the delay phase of their action plan, we await to see what impact this is going to have on schools. There is currently no information regarding when, or if, schools will close. It does seem sensible to prepare for the possibility of this happening, and to make you aware of how we intend to educate our pupils if we do close.

If the Government moves toward a forced closure of schools, we will be setting the vast majority of work online to ensure minimum disruption to learning. Teaching staff have already been preparing work, website suggestions and other activities to encourage students to continue with their learning if they are unable to attend school. All of the teaching materials for each subject and each year group will be able to be accessed through our school website, as our pupils can log on to this using their school username and password. We are currently checking that all of our pupils know their usernames and passwords. We will send you detailed instructions on how our pupils can access their work if and when we need to do so.

We appreciate that some pupils may not be able to gain access to the internet at home, and therefore not be able to access the learning resources. In this situation, it would be useful for those parents/carers to inform us as soon as possible. We would then be able to consider alternative methods of providing work for our students.

I appreciate that these are unprecedented times for us all. We will endeavour to continue to share relevant and appropriate information and guidance as soon as practicable.

Yours faithfully

Headteacher

