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Dear Families,

UPDATE: Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We continue to follow UK Government guidance on managing Coronavirus (COVID-19).

www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public

At present, schools are being asked to remain open. Typically, this is to facilitate the work of others whether they be doctors and nurses involved in public health, shop keepers managing the supply of goods or other essential public sector workers. **Until told otherwise, we aim to remain open.**

We are planning for the continuance of education. This may involve classes being put together to best manage the children in our care with the adults available to us. For those young people at home, we are beginning to provide 'remote study'. It is important learning continues as part of a structured day in or out of school. Those without computer access will be sent hard copy resources.

www.ryecollege.co.uk/remote-study

We are stopping all non-core activities. This means all parents' evenings, Easter revision sessions, sports fixtures, lettings, offsite trips and visits including swimming, residentials and similar are postponed.

Year 11 Parents' Evening on Wednesday, 18th March is CANCELLED.

We are focusing on happy and safe classrooms. This means our focus is the well-being of our young people at all times. We aim to deliver as many normal activities as possible within the confines of the classroom and onsite facilities. Having said that we have stopped school assemblies, activities that involve sharing and visits from non-essential workers to the site. We continue a routine of regular hand washing throughout the day alongside an enhanced cleaning regime targeting handles, surfaces and railings as well as regular emptying of bins.

We are considering the most vulnerable in our community. This means we are a drop-off point for any donations to the local Food Bank. Ideally, we would appreciate small packets, tins and jars.

Our website contains up-to-date details of our response.

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Be assured, we continue to act in the best interests of our young people and families at all times.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of School