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Dear Parents and Carers

I write to assure you that GLF Schools is following the latest advice from Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education, to ensure the health and well-being of our children and young people, staff and the wider school communities which is, as always, our top priority.

All 40 of our schools are currently open as usual. GLF Schools will continue to follow the latest government guidance and keep this under review. This includes continuing to undertake additional regular cleaning of handrails, door handles and other contact points throughout the schools.

If your child(ren) or a member of your family show any symptoms or you have any concerns, your child should be kept at home and not attend school. You should then visit the NHS's website for advice (<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>) and not attend your local GP Surgery or A&E. We would also ask that you notify your child's school immediately, to allow to us to take any necessary steps.

You may also be aware that the government issued updated guidance last night, which we are following. Should your child exhibit even mild signs of Covid-19, which has been defined as a new, continuous cough or high temperature, you should ensure they self-isolate for a period of 7 days.

My colleagues in schools and across the trust have been advised that they must follow the same self-isolation advice. It follows that the new, stricter self-isolation guidance could result in staff shortages and should this happen, we may need to consider temporarily closing your child's school, or partially closing for certain classes or year groups. If this is the case, heads will notify you of any closure in the usual way.

As a trust we take our duty of care extremely seriously and we will keep you updated on any further developments should the need arise. Each school is updating its parent and carer community regularly and this will continue to be the main form of communication with you.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school. I would welcome your support in terms of contacting the school with your concerns rather than negativity via social media channels which only adds pressure to our schools.

I thank you for your continued support of your child's school and GLF Schools in light of this unprecedented situation.

Best wishes

Jon Chaloner
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