## 13 March 2020

## Dear Parent/Carer

The number of cases of Coronavirus in the UK are increasing so it is important that we have contingencies for the wider spread of this disease. Following the new guidance, which came out of the Cobra meeting yesterday, we do have a small number of students whose parents have informed us they are self-isolating as they are displaying cold symptoms potentially associated with Coronavirus (Covid-19). No student in this situation has had this confirmed by any medical professional. At this time, we do not have any confirmed cases.

We will continue to be vigilant with cleanliness and ensuring we are aware of the symptoms and latest advice. The latest advice and guidance can be found on the NHS website: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</a>

We are sharing information about preventing the spread of Coronavirus and links to key information sites, but to ensure that we are as well prepared as possible in the event of schools being told to close, we are now asking that:

- All students must know how to log into the school Office 365 email system, and check that they can
  access this area at home
- All students must know their email login and network login. Their network login will allow them to access their school documents area
- As a fall back, all students should ensure any key documents on their school area that they need, e.g. revision notes, are emailed to themselves via their school email account

Please contact the IT Team via itsupport@stourvalley.org if there is a problem with accessing these areas.

We continue to receive daily updates from the DfE and Public Health England, who are the only bodies that can make a decision about school closures due to Coronavirus. We will continue to contact parents through our SchoolComms system and provide updates via Facebook and the website. Should we have to close the school, work will be set by staff and communicated to students via email and/or placed on the shared Student Resources area. Students will be able to remain in contact with staff via email for support and guidance.

We will continue to keep you informed as the situation changes.

Kind regards



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