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Dear Parents

As you would expect, we continue to follow the latest advice relating to Covid-19 (Coronavirus).

This evening the government has announced significant changes in health advice. The key one of these is that if your child/children, develops or has recently developed, a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature, they must be kept at home for a full 7 days from when the symptoms started.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please do make yourself aware of its contents and how it may affect your family. The advice is very detailed for example, you are not permitted to go outside (except, for example, into your garden) and remaining 2 metres apart from others.

If you have a child who has symptoms and needs to remain away from school, please contact [enquiries@holytrinity.academy](mailto:enquiries@holytrinity.academy).

We will be in contact as soon as possible when we have further guidance and clarification from the government about how this change of approach is likely to affect our school communities, including our school trips. Currently schools are being advised to remain open.

As a school we will continue to follow the advice from Public Health England with regard to the Coronavirus. Should it be required to close school we will post a message on Edulink and the school website. Local radio stations will also be informed.

If you need to contact school during the closure please use the contact us form on the website. This account will be monitored, however responses may be delayed.

We will use the Show My Homework platform to share work for students to complete. Some of the work may ask students to watch GCSE Pod clips. All students in years 7 – 13 have access to GCSE Pod. If a student has not logged on before they should click the “New here get started button”. If there are any access issues students should use the contact us form on the school website. We will be working with students in school to ensure they are familiar with this platform.

Further details about GCSE Pod are attached.

Please be assured that we are doing everything possible to reduce any risk to our children, staff and parents and we will keep you informed as we receive further guidance from the government and Local Authority.

### GCSE Pod

During this period, teachers may be setting your child work on GCSEPod. This may take the form of Assignments, which students can access and complete via the GCSEPod platform, or teachers may recommend specific Pods for students to watch at home to continue their learning.

In addition, we ask that you encourage your child to make use of this amazing resource independently. Once they have activated their account, they can browse the GCSEPod library and create their own playlists – just as they would when they are listening to music.

GCSEPod can also identify knowledge gaps and automatically send playlists to your child to help them strengthen their knowledge. After completing any Assignments set on GCSEPod, your child will get a personalised “Boost Playlist” of Pods relevant to their identified areas of weakness. We strongly suggest you encourage your child to review these playlists regularly as this will speed up their progress.

As we approach exams, students can access a section on GCSEPod called “My Courses.” Here they can view upcoming exams (including exam dates) and view playlists of Pods covering the topics relevant to each exam. We ask that students review topics that have been taught in class and revise their knowledge. Students can tick the star icon to favourite any Pods they wish to return to.

Finally, in Maths and English Literature, students can test their knowledge independently using GCSEPod’s fantastic Check & Challenge feature. Simply visit any Maths and selected English Literature playlists and click the purple “C&C”. This will start a short self-marking assessment.

For more ways to support your child using GCSEPod, please visit [www.gcsepod.com/parents](http://www.gcsepod.com/parents) where you’ll find lots more information and resources.

Your child has already been registered with GCSEPod, so all they need to do is activate their account by following the instructions below. If your child has already activated but can’t remember their username and password, please ask them to contact a member of staff.

- 1) Go to [www.gcsepod.com](http://www.gcsepod.com) and click “Login” in the top right-hand corner
- 2) Click “New here? Get started.”
- 3) Select “Student”
- 4) Enter your child’s name, date of birth and the school name.
- 5) Create a username, password, and a password hint to help them remember the password.

If you have any questions regarding GCSEPod please use the contact us form on the school website or message [support@gcsepod.com](mailto:support@gcsepod.com)

Yours faithfully

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