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**Sedbergh Schools' response to the risk presented by Novel Coronavirus
(Covid-19)**

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Since my last bulletin we have enacted our closure protocol. This has progressed well and I want to take this opportunity to thank all our staff, pupils and parents for the calm manner in which this has taken place.

We wish all those who are travelling home safe journeys.

Despite a carefully structured process there remains the possibility that pupils may arrive home without some element of work or their property; if that is the case please contact the relevant Teacher or Assistant Housemaster/Housemistress to alert them of the situation.

There is one unexpected development that **all members of the School community** must be alert to. I have just been notified by the School Doctor that a pupil in Evans House has been identified as having symptoms consistent with contracting Coronavirus Covid-19. I have not been informed of the name or age of the pupil. This leads to the following urgent instruction from Public Health England:

1. All pupils and staff who have been living or working in Evans House should self-isolate for 14 days on the basis that they have been in a 'household' where a resident has displayed symptoms of the virus.
2. During this period, pupils should not interact with vulnerable members of their family or community.
3. Parents of all pupils should be alert to the possibility of transmission outside Evans House.
4. In the event that you, your son or daughter display symptoms of the virus, families should follow government guidance about care and self-isolation. This can be found through the links on the relevant School internet page.

I am sorry to bring you this unwelcome news and take this opportunity to stress that young people as a whole have low vulnerability to the virus and suffer comparatively mild symptoms. The priority must be to diminish the possibility of spread to more vulnerable individuals.

If I am provided with more information, I shall share that with you at the earliest opportunity.

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