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Dear Parents / Guardians

We are writing to provide a further update on the outbreak of the COVID-19 Coronavirus and its potential impact on our students and the wider school.

Mrs Claire Tao, headmistress at the Girls' School, and Miss Elizabeth Lynan, acting headmistress at the Primary School, have both placed themselves into self-isolation as a purely precautionary measure.

This follows a meeting last week with a parent who has subsequently tested positive for Coronavirus. He and his family are now in self-isolation and we wish him well in his recovery.

As senior leaders of our school, Mrs Tao and Miss Lynan have taken this responsible step in line with the school's policy and the advice of Public Health England.

Neither is experiencing any symptoms and there is currently no reason to believe either has contracted the virus. They will remain in self-isolation for the next 14 days and will continue to work from home for the remainder of term.

Public Health England will continue to support us in assessing the case and review next steps. At this time, it is not considered necessary to close the school.

Throughout the Coronavirus outbreak, the school will remain alert for changes in Government advice and will keep staff, parents and pupils informed about updates or any possible school closures. This will take place via email and the Merchant Taylors' website.

Yours sincerely

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