Dear Parents and Carers,

You will no doubt be aware of, and anxious about, the risks and spread of Coronavirus. We have been receiving and acting on all the latest advice that has been made available for schools to support the Government's strategies to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. Primarily this has been about reminders to students of the importance of washing their hands regularly, and ensuring that our toilets are adequately stocked with soap.

If you are concerned that you or your family may have symptoms -please refer to the NHS guidelines: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/. If in doubt then please contact school prior to sending your child to school. We will continue to use the school website, school social media pages and email to provide updates.

Increasingly, over recent days there has been speculation in the national press that part of the Government's 'delay' strategy may involve school closure. I want to confirm that we have no 'inside track' on this and as it stands, we have received no indication that this is happening. However, I also want to ensure that we are preparing for any potential outcome. In the event of the school closing we will continue to set work for our students, and to support those (especially in Year 11) who will be anxious about any impact on their forthcoming public examinations. We are working on the detail of this now in case it is necessary and I will share details of how we will provide support should the need arise.

To help us in our preparations, please could you let us know if your child has no internet access at home, or is unable to access work through ShowMyHomework so that we can pre-empt any barriers that might prevent them from accessing work at home should the need arise.

Finally, please can you ensure that we have your most up to date information. If you have changed address, email, or phone number please can you contact johnsond@bedalehighschool.org.uk or phone school to notify us on 01677 422419.

Yours faithfully,

Tom Kelly
Headteacher