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Dear Families,

I am writing to keep you updated as to where the Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust schools are in relation to the Coronavirus outbreak.

At this point in time there are **no staff or students in our schools with a confirmed case of Coronavirus** however there are several staff and children at home having either elected to or having been advised to self-isolate. Following the Government's decision to limit the testing programme, Staff and Families must base any decision to self-isolate on the national advice which is very clear and is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

As I have just outlined we have a number of staff, both teaching and non-teaching, who have either elected to self-isolate or have been advised to do so by a health professional. As a Trust we have advised some staff to self-isolate to minimise the risk to their health as suggested by the government guidance.

In the next few days we may have to combine some classes due to our reduced staff numbers.

We **remain open** at this time, and there is no increased risk to students attending the Academy. If the government chooses to close all schools in the future, we have been working on a plan to ensure lessons can continue to be delivered online.

Your support in ensuring that the children undertake the work that is set is essential and I can only thank you in advance because I know that you will do everything in your power to support us in this most difficult of times.

Yours sincerely

Sir Mark Grundy, CEO
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George Faux
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