Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement today, we wanted to take the opportunity to update you on our current context and planning for the evolving coronavirus situation, including the possibility of future school closures now that the government has moved into the 'delay' phase of its plan.

We can confirm that, to date, we have had no confirmed cases of coronavirus at IGS and continue to operate school as normal, including the PTA's curry & quiz night tomorrow. As previously communicated, we have increased checks for soap and sanitiser around school as part of our raised awareness of the importance of good hygiene including regular hand washing and have also increased routine cleaning of common touch points such as door handles.

In addition, we have been working on our contingency planning in case of school closure, where we will prioritise students' continued education through remote learning opportunities wherever possible.

Should the decision be taken to close or partially close schools, we will be in touch with further detailed guidance about what students and parents can expect from staff who will be working remotely and are now in the process of making detailed preparations for this.

As soon as we have any further information or updates to give you, we will be in touch. In the meantime, can we thank you for your continued support in helping us to maintain normality and please continue to follow normal school procedures including for student absences.

Many thanks, Ilkley Grammar School