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Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 Update

For the most up-to-date information please see our website

<https://academytrust.sgscol.ac.uk/news/sgs-berkeley-green-utc/covid-19-information>

It is said that tough times make tough teams and I am delighted to tell you that today everybody has pulled together brilliantly to cope with the ever-changing situation. Staff and students alike have shown outstanding resilience and gone about their work with determination and positivity.

There are still NO confirmed cases of Covid-19 linked to the UTC and the vast majority of students remain in good health. Only two staff weren't able to come in and both should be back shortly.

It is our intention at present to stay open and continue to prepare students for exams until we are told otherwise, or if staffing changes. We will have an assembly tomorrow morning to share any updates, help bust myths and reassure students.

Inevitably however, given the imminent closure of Welsh and Scottish schools, there are lots of questions around whether we will close. At present we have no new information to share. The Secretary of State is making an announcement at 5pm and it is therefore likely that we will know more later today. We will share further information as soon as is practicable.

In order to help us maintain good records of student absence, we will ask you to complete a very short (ie one minute) questionnaire if you phone in to let us know that your son or daughter will be absent.

Finally, please remind your son or daughter to wash their hands thoroughly when they come home, and thank them for their mature approach today.

With very best wishes

Kind regards

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**Headteacher**