



Friday 28 February 2020

Dear parents,

Guidance in regard to spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As you may be aware there have been lots in the news recently regarding the Coronavirus so we would like to reassure you that the school is receiving advice from Health Protection England to ensure that all our pupils remain safe. Although the government update states that there have been very few cases reported in children, we feel as a school, that we should keep you informed as to the current position.

The advice to date is that we would encourage all staff and pupils of the importance of good hygiene practices to stop the spread of infection. All classes are being regularly reminded throughout the day that hands should be washed with soap and water, even if hands are visibly clean. We do this regularly throughout the day and when children come in, after lunch and at the end of the day, as well as all the other usual times.

We ask that families reinforce this message at home, and contact 111 if they have contracted flu like symptoms (cough, difficulty in breathing, fever).

The school is routinely monitoring and applying the most up to date advice from central and local government. The school will continue to operate as usual until and unless there is significant change in the local situation.

Current advice applies in particular to individual travel to and from affected areas in the world. The school encourages all parents and carers to remain aware of the latest government advice and to follow that advice in order to limit the spread of infection. If any parent or carer believes the advice applies to them and takes action accordingly, then we ask that you advise the school as such.

Our school is following advice given by national and local government and the National Health Service.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

If you have a cough, or fever, or shortness of breath and have been to any of these places in the last 14 days:

- China
- Republic of Korea
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Hong Kong
- Malaysia
- Japan
- Taiwan
- Macau

Stay indoors and call NHS 111

If you have been to Wuhan, or Hubei Province, China in the last 14 days ...

Stay indoors and contact NHS 111 even if you do not have symptoms

Visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for more information

Yours sincerely,

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