

10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Coronavirus Update**

We continue to monitor the situation regarding Coronavirus and education settings and follow the advice of Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education (DfE).

There's currently no cause for concern at the school, but we'll keep you informed about any developments and ensure we're keeping the school clean to prevent the spread of any virus.

**Department for Education helpline**

For your information, since our previous communication, a new DfE helpline has been established to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

**Prevent the spread of infection- Steps for all.**

Please make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

**Returning travellers guidance.**

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people if you've travelled to the UK from the following places, even if you do not have symptoms:

- anywhere in Italy on or after 9 March
- [specific areas in northern Italy](#) in the last 14 days
- Iran in the last 14 days
- Hubei province in China in the last 14 days
- Daegu, Cheongdo or Gyeongsan in South Korea in the last 14 days

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people if you've travelled to the UK from the following places in the last 14 days and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath, even if your symptoms are mild:

- Italy (outside [specific areas in northern Italy](#)) before 9 March
- mainland China outside of Hubei province
- South Korea outside of Daegu, Cheongdo and Gyeongsan
- Cambodia
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Laos
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Singapore
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam

Please use the [111 online coronavirus service](#) to find out what to do next.

### **Planned school trips**

We continue to monitor the situation and follow government guidelines. No trips have been cancelled or postponed at this time.

Government updates on COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



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