



'Believe you can'

13th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Advice for parents re. Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Yesterday the UK Government announced a new measure to combat the spread of Coronavirus.

In light of this, anybody with a new, persistent or continuous cough or high temperature must self-isolate for seven days. If you feel your child is showing any of these symptoms, please contact the school office to notify us of your child's symptoms. Under these circumstances, your child will need to remain at home.

If we feel that any child starts to show these symptoms whilst in school, we will sensitively isolate them and contact you to collect them immediately.

Current Government advice remains in place: **no** education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case **unless** advised to do so by Public Health England.

Due to the potential disruption of the Coronavirus, we feel it is best that we postpone the attendance assembly which was scheduled for 26th March. Instead, we will hold an assembly at the end of the summer term to celebrate children's attendance.

We are grateful for your support in working together to implement the Government's advice to minimise the spread of the Coronavirus and to protect our school community.

In the event a government decision is made to close schools, we will share information about arrangements for learning through Showbie.

Yours sincerely,

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Current Covid-19 Government guidance:

As you will be aware, the government is providing daily advice about the Covid-19 virus, including steps to be taken to prevent the spread of infection.

These updates can be found on:

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

Information about the virus

The following symptoms may develop in the 14 days after exposure to someone who has COVID-19 infection:

- cough
- difficulty in breathing
- fever

How COVID-19 is spread

There are 2 routes by which people could become infected:

- secretions can be directly transferred into the mouths or noses of people who are nearby (within 2 metres) or could be inhaled into the lungs
- it is also possible that someone may become infected by touching a surface or object that has been contaminated with respiratory secretions and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes (such as touching a door knob or shaking hands then touching own face).

Preventing spread of infection

There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See Catch it, Bin it, Kill it
- people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting
- pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - before leaving home
 - on arrival at school
 - after using the toilet
 - after breaks and sporting activities
 - before food preparation
 - before eating any food, including snacks
 - before leaving school
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

What to do if children, pupils, students or staff become unwell and believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 (either through travel to a specified country or area or contact with a confirmed case):

Call NHS 111, or 999 in an emergency (if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk), and if appropriate, explain which country they have returned from in the last 14 days. You can do this on their behalf if this is easier. People who become unwell are advised not to go to their GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.

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