

17th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

From today we will be following new advice from the NHS with regards to coronavirus. The current advice is that no schools should close unless instructed to do so by Public Health England.

Absence

If your child is showing symptoms of the Coronavirus (high temperature, over 37.8, or a new continuous cough), please inform the school office as soon as possible and self-isolate for 7 days. If anyone in your household has these symptoms everyone should self-isolate for 14 days. Again, please communicate this to the school office as this communication with the school is incredibly important during this time.

Should a child present with any of the following symptoms, see below during the school day you will be contacted and asked to collect your child immediately.

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

The advice currently from the NHS is not to go to the GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital and you do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

We will be continuing to follow the guidelines around thorough hand washing throughout the day.

Please follow the link for the official NHS page: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please follow the link for further information from the government: [COVID-19: stay at home guidance](#)

This guidance also applies to staff members, visitors and anyone collecting/dropping off your child. If you present with the above symptoms, please make arrangements for someone else to collect your child and they will need to remain in isolation for 14 days. We understand that the above may cause you inconvenience, but we do have to follow the advice from NHS as announced today by government in order to protect all of our children, staff and families.

Travel

We are requesting that parents/carers inform school if they are planning an international trip during the Easter break.

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Principles to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus

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
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- 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

Thank you for your continued support and we will update you with any changes to the advice when this occurs.

Yours sincerely



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