

2nd March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

You will have seen in the news that the situation surrounding the spread of the COVID-19 virus (Coronavirus) continues to develop, with some areas of Europe now affected.

I wanted to inform you of the guidance we are following and the steps we are taking in relation to Coronavirus in our school. The school is following the Department for Education (DfE) COVID-19 guidance. We will continue to monitor the situation including any updates from the DfE and Public Health England.

We are reminding pupils about the importance of good hygiene to stem the spread of viruses, including how to wash their hands properly and the importance of catching coughs and sneezes in a tissue. Please support us in reminding your child about hygiene, including washing their hands regularly and thoroughly.

To help us manage the risk in our school, please contact the school office if you or your child has recently travelled abroad, even if you have no symptoms. Please also contact the school office to notify them in advance if your child will be travelling abroad in the coming weeks. In addition, please inform the school office if your child has been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

The specific areas affected by COVID-19 are being reviewed daily by Public Health England. You can read the latest Public Health England guidance at:

www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public

For medical advice, including information about the symptoms of Coronavirus please visit:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Public Health England has advised that the risk to individuals remains low, so these are only precautionary measures which will help to ensure we all stay safe and well. Pupils should continue to attend school as normal unless advised not to do so by NHS 111/their GP/other Health Care professional.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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