



Dear Parents & Carers,

As I am sure you are aware there is currently a heightened awareness of the risks associated with the Corona virus (Covid-19). We are following government guidelines extremely carefully. Please can parents check the below link from the government in relation to any potential risks.

If you have recently been abroad please check the information for travellers relating to novel coronavirus at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public> on a daily basis for 14 days after your return, and follow the relevant advice.

The information on the website is updated daily to reflect the changing situation. More countries may be added as the situation evolves which is why it is important to continue to check it until the recommended 14 day period has passed.

#### *Preventing spread of infection*

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus. 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 sanitizer 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 sanitizer that contains 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

If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. **Do not** go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

Face masks for the general public, students, or staff are not recommended to protect from infection, as there is no evidence of benefit from their use outside healthcare environments.

People who have returned from Category 1 specified countries/areas in the last 14 days should self-isolate. This includes avoiding attending an educational setting or work until 14 days after they return.

People who have returned from Category 2 specified countries/areas in the last 14 days, are advised to stay at home if they develop symptoms. All other pupils or students and staff should continue to attend school or university, including their siblings attending the same or a different school (unless advised not to by public health officials).

Yours faithfully,

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