

COVID-19 Update

We would like to take the opportunity to reassure parents that the school has put in place a number of measures to safeguard the school against the spread of infection of the COVID-19 virus but we will keep you informed of any developments and updates from Public Health England. **Currently the advice is that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.**

As a school, we are doing all that we can to prevent the spread of this virus, please see below a list of actions we have taken:

1. Increased our cleaning – additional time is being invested to clean handles, handrails, toilet flushes etc. All surfaces are already part of the cleaning routine. Our cleaning company have also brought in special sanitising cleaning products which they are using.
2. All children will be taught to cough into the folded arm/elbows – to avoid coughing into hands
3. Sneezes/noses blown into tissues – tissues to be thrown away after 1 use and hands washed thoroughly with soap and water afterwards
4. Children are being taught to wash hands for 20 seconds using soap and water, and followed by hand sanitizer
5. Regular hand washing at set times of the day
6. Children are told to avoid putting fingers into mouths, nose etc
7. We have asked parents who have travelled or are planning to travel or expecting visitors from category 1 & 2 countries to alert the school immediately and to contact NHS 111 to seek advice
8. Anyone who has recently travelled to category 2 countries and are showing symptoms even mild ones, will be asked to self-quarantine
9. Anyone who has recently travelled to a category 1 country (Wuhan City and Hubei Province in China, Iran, Daegu or Cheongdo - Republic of Korea, any Italian town under containment measures) will be asked to self-quarantine. All children known to have contact with people from category 1 or 2 countries are listed in registers and this is kept up to date by class teachers and the school office – if any of the listed children become ill, we will ask parents to contact NHS 111 again and get checked

Thank you to all the parents who have come forward to let us know any details of their travels. This will really help us to keep this situation under control and we really appreciate your support.

If you would like further information, please click on the links below:

Where to find the latest information updates on COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>