

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the current precautions the school is putting in place in regards to COVID-19, (Coronavirus).

Please be assured that **nobody in our school, or associated with the school**, has shown any symptoms that might lead us to think they have contracted the virus. Nevertheless, you will be all aware of the national and international action being taken to control the spread of COVID-19, including the advice to people to self-isolate themselves under certain circumstances. To read the full details please click the link <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

The **most recent government guidance** given to schools is:

*“If anyone has been in contact with a suspected case in a childcare or educational setting, no restrictions or special control measures are required while laboratory test results for COVID-19 are awaited. There is no need to close the setting or send other learners or staff home. As a precautionary measure, the NHS are currently testing a very large number of people who have travelled back from affected countries, the vast majority of whom test negative. Therefore, until the outcome of test results is known there is no action that staff members need to take apart from cleaning specific areas and disposing of waste.”*

In light of this advice - and the fact that nobody in our setting is even suspected of having the virus - **the school will continue to run and be open as usual**. We are continuing with our normal regimes for cleanliness and hygiene. We have reaffirmed the need for pupils, students, staff and visitors to wash their hands regularly and would also like to bring to your attention the posters from Public Health England that you will see throughout the school building.

In light of recent updates we particularly want to bring to your attention the need to self-isolate yourselves and your children if you have visited one of the areas affected by the outbreak below:

Travellers from Wuhan and Hubei Province and other specified areas

*If you have travelled from:*

- *Iran*
- *specific lockdown areas in northern Italy as designated by the Government of Italy*
- *‘special care zones’ in South Korea as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea*
- *Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days)*

*You should immediately:*

- *stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu*
- *call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area*

By following this guidance, you will ensure your own safety and that of others in the school. The guidance relating to the virus is being updated regularly and so we will offer further information should there be any update. I hope you will find this information helpful and I am grateful for your cooperation in this matter.