



Head Office
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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Some parents have raised concerns about what they have read and seen on the news regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). Whilst it is important to take steps to protect ourselves from risk of infection, there is no evidence that children are more affected than other age groups – very few cases have been reported in children.

The DfE information currently says “No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England”. You do not need to keep your child away from school as a preventative measure if you have not been advised to do so. In school, we are encouraging thorough and regular hand washing using soap and water with the whole school community. We are making sure children regularly wash their hands before eating lunch, after going to the toilet and at other times throughout the day. We use disposable paper towels or hand dryers rather than sharing towels. We cover sneezes and coughs with disposable tissues or catch coughs on sleeves (rather than hands).

It is important children also follow these measures at other places they may visit outside of school, such as clubs, family gatherings and events where groups of people meet.

We are also ensuring school is cleaned well, especially in the high traffic areas like doors and handrails. Families can help by ensuring children frequently wash their hands whilst at home, before school and when they return home after the school day. We would also ask families to ensure school water bottles are sent in filled and freshly cleaned every day. Please make sure water bottles are clearly labelled, contain water only, and are made from food grade materials. School life continues as normal and we will carry on following any guidance from the Department of Education and Public Health England. We will ensure children are working hard, learning well and not unduly concerned.

If you have any concerns regarding your child’s attendance, please contact the school as usual.

For further information, please see below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Corona virus helpline – Phone: 0800 046 8687 – Opening hours: 8:00am to 6:00pm (Monday to Friday)
Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Parents/carers who have concerns about potential symptoms of the virus should contact NHS 111.

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