



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Government's announcement that it is moving to the delay phase of its response to the Coronavirus outbreak, I am writing once again to update you on the current situation in school.

We are continuing to take protective measures to safeguard the health of both children and staff. Without wishing to cause undue alarm to our children, we are reminding them of the importance of washing their hands regularly, especially after visits to the toilet. We are also supervising handwashing on entry to school, after each break and before lunch.

Arrangements have been made to clean door handles twice daily in line with Trust directives.

I have spoken to the children in years 2 to 6 in assembly today about the importance of these measures and asked them also to keep their hands away from their eyes, nose and mouth wherever possible. They have been asked to let an adult know if they feel unwell.

Miss Allmark and Y1 staff will talk to their classes with the same message.

It is important to stress that the proportion of children who contract COVID-19 currently appears to be very small and that symptoms are reported to be particularly mild in children.

We are doing lots to reassure the children and to reduce anxiety whilst showing that we, as adults, are calm, caring and are following advice from the government and the NHS.

Please do be assured yourselves that we are following the latest advice from Public Health England and the Department for Education as well as directives from our Trust.

Children should attend school as normal, unless they are unwell.

If your child reports any of the following symptoms, please keep them at home for 7 days:

- A new, continuous cough.
- A temperature.

If you are worried that either you or your child may have the Coronavirus, please visit NHS 111 online, before calling 111 if you have internet access.

At present, the academy is continuing to operate normally.

Planned educational visits are going ahead, although they are under constant review. Should a planned visit need to be cancelled or postponed, you will be notified immediately.

Similarly, if Public Health England were to advise us to close, we will write to you with clear details in an email; details will also be posted on our website. Parents who do not have an email address will have a text message sent to their phone.

Staff at school are also working hard to ensure that learning will be supported in the event of a school closure. Resources will be available for children in each year group to access via the website.

You will appreciate that the situation is constantly changing. Thank you very much for your continued support and we will keep you notified about any changes as they occur.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Hurst', written in grey ink.

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