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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find detailed below the most recent information we have from Public Health England regarding the Coronavirus.

The Government has today launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

**Phone: 0800 046 8687**      **Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)**

**Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)**

The Government has also instructed all schools that they should NOT close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless specifically directed to do so by Public Health England.

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can all tackle COVID-19. Over the page you will find details of Public Health England's full advice regarding hygiene and other measures we can all take to help to prevent the spread of the virus.

All teachers have today shown the children how to wash their hands correctly and we are ensuring they all have extra time to do this regularly throughout the day.

You can find the latest information at the following websites:

Updates on COVID-19: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

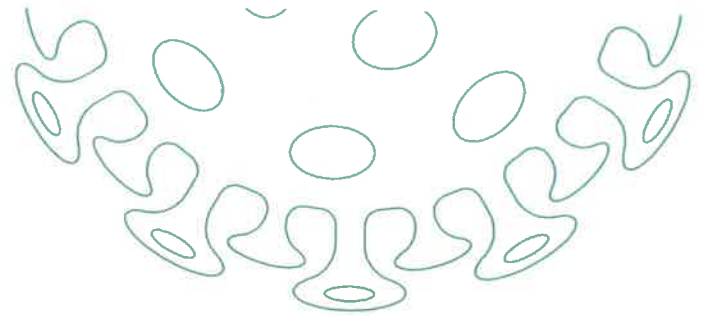
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact the school office.

Kind regards

Sarah Tomlinson  
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# Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

## How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

## How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

## How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

### You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

## What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.



If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately