



13th March 2020

Dear All

We would like to update with you with the latest advice from the Trust, Public Health England and the DfE regarding the Corona virus. We are advised to continue to keep our school open unless we are advised by the authorities to do differently. We will inform you as soon as possible if this advice changes.

We would also like to advise you of the information we have been referred to which we hope you will find useful:

Hygiene

Students are regularly reminded of good hygiene practices and the importance of washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. The NHS has issued the following advice on the best way to wash your hands. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

Travel

Public Health England updated their travel advice, recommending that anyone returning from Italy should self-isolate, even if they do not have any symptoms. If your child develops symptoms, call NHS 111 to find out what to do next. Their latest information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

The latest updates on Covid-19 can be found here on Public Health England can be found here: <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know>

Further information on what you should do if you are asked to self-isolate can be found here: <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/02/20/what-is-self-isolation-and-why-is-it-important>

Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education Coronavirus helpline is now available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

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

We will continue to monitor the situation and advise you of any changes. We would like to thank you for your ongoing support at this difficult time.

Thank you

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