



Dear Parent/Carer

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

I am writing to reassure you that the school is following the advice of Public Health England (PHE) and the Local Authority to ensure the health of all pupils and staff.

The advice continues to be updated on a very frequent basis and we are monitoring it carefully to ensure we respond to any significant changes.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China. The department of Health and Social Care and Public Health (PHE) are carefully monitoring the coronavirus situation and have published information and advice for general public and for schools. Latest information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>.

The symptoms of corona virus are: cough, high temperature and breathing difficulties.

You can follow the below principles to help prevent the spread of infection:

- wash your hands with soap and water often for at least 20 seconds, or use alcohol based hand sanitiser (at least 60%). This is particularly important after taking public transport;
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. **CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT.**
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell;
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces;
- if you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment;
- see further information on the [Public Health England Blog](#) and the [NHS UK website](#).

We are going to ask children to wash their hands regularly throughout the school day. Please continue this good practice at home.

Please note that we are awaiting delivery of the alcohol based sanitisers as per PHE guidance and these will be available in each class. Stocks are limited! Please note that alcohol free sanitisers are not effective in prevention of the spreading of corona virus.

You may need to get medical advice if you've recently travelled to the UK from somewhere with a higher risk of coronavirus. If this is the case, please inform the school once medical advice has been sought.

Hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into tissue is the best way to prevent the spread of almost any germ, including coronavirus.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Wilson".

Sarah Wilson
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