

26th February 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Coronavirus- Information Only

At present we are not aware of any cases of Coronavirus within the school or surrounding area. Should there be any cases, or suspected cases, of Coronavirus in the school we will inform parents via text message and letter.

This letter is not to alarm you, it is to provide you with information. The Government have provided all schools with guidance about the virus and what to do should someone at the school become infected.

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus and there is **currently no reason** as to why your children should not continue to attend school as normal.

Information about the virus

A coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China in January 2020.

The incubation period of COVID-19 is between 2 and 14 days. This means that if a person remains well 14 days after contact with someone with confirmed coronavirus, it is unlikely that they have been infected.

The following symptoms may develop in the 14 days after exposure to someone who has COVID-19 infection:

- cough
- difficulty in breathing
- fever

Generally, these infections can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease. There is no evidence that children are more affected than other age groups – very few cases have been reported in children.

What action can you take

If you are concerned about symptoms please call NHS 111.

Do not go directly to your GP or any other healthcare environment

To help slow the spread of the virus, please support the campaign, which promotes basic hygiene practices for all family members.

- Always sneeze into a tissue
- Throw your tissues into a bin
- Regularly washing your hands and use hand sanitiser

Please talk to your children about basic hygiene, and as we have said above there is currently no cause for concern at our school and we will keep you informed about any developments.

Yours faithfully

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