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## Coronavirus Advice for Parents

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware the Government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus both in our country and abroad. As a school we take our advice from the DfE (Department for Education) and Public Health England.

Current advice is that parents should not be unduly worried and that children should continue to attend school as normal.

Specific advice and guidance is being offered to families returning from abroad and in one case, even though **the family has had no symptoms** and previous advice stated they should attend school, a period of fourteen day self-isolation has now been elected.

At school, we are regularly enforcing to the children about simple and effective hand hygiene messages.

The link below gives advice and examples of what we can all do to try and minimise the spread of the virus -

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/866771/Coronavirus\\_advice\\_for\\_education\\_settings\\_poster.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/866771/Coronavirus_advice_for_education_settings_poster.pdf)

We realise that is a potentially worrying time for parents and you may have many questions.

The school website has up to date information about the virus and below are links to the latest advice from the DfE/NHS guidance:



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

In addition, to this the DfE have 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)

As a school we will continue to closely monitor the developments and act on any advice issued to us by the DfE.

In the meantime, if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



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