

Monday, 02 March 2020

Dear Parent,

We would like to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to keep students safe and prevent the spread of Coronavirus. We would also like to emphasise that if the outbreak becomes a significant issue, we have procedures in place to manage it. So far, there have been no cases of the virus at school and we are not aware of anyone travelling to any 'Category One' areas (see below).

We are doing everything we can to keep standards of hygiene within the school high and we have given the following advice to students:

- Wash your hands with soap and water frequently and always before eating or after using the toilet. Soap and water are better than hand sanitiser
- Use a tissue when you cough or sneeze or your elbow if you do not have one
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth or nose without washing your hands
- Avoid sharing bottles of water with anyone
- Avoid shaking hands

We have increased the amount of cleaning that takes place during the school day, particularly in areas that have high contact for students, and we have made sure that soap is always available.

The guidance for any pupil or parent who has returned from a Coronavirus hotspot, known as a 'Category One' area, since 19th February, is that they should call NHS on 111 to inform them of their travel and to stay inside and avoid contact with other people, even if they do not have any symptoms. These areas are listed by the Government [on this website](#), which is updated regularly. Please inform us if your child or any member of your household has travelled to one of these areas.

The situation is changing at the moment and we are monitoring the advice given to us by the Government each day, and we will update you if the advice changes.

Our priority is to always protect your child and to protect their education, and we will do our best to do both things in the current circumstances. We hope that this will reassure you that we are following the guidance given to us and remaining both calm and alert.

Please contact us if you have any concerns.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Jones
Principal

Katie Gillam
Principal