

Coronavirus Update and Contingency Plans

Dear Parent/Carer

Our instructions from the government are that we should remain open and continue educating our students. We have had no indication that UK schools will be expected to close, however, we want to share our plans so that it is clear what action will be taken if the situation changes and the government does decide to close schools.

In this case, we would educate all students online using Google Classroom and other revision sites such as Hegarty Maths. All students have a Google Classroom account already as this is part of their school login. Through Google Classroom we can share work with students and receive work back from them for marking. This would mean we could continue to run a full school day. Guidance will be shared should a school closure become necessary.

If you do not have broadband access at home, or if there is not a device at home that your child could access, then please let us know by replying to this email and we will look at how we can provide support.

If you have any questions then please get in touch with us directly. Alternatively, 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)

Tutors are reminding students of the importance of having good hand washing habits. This video is being shown to support this:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

The green table on the poster below also gives sensible advice that tutors are discussing with students.

We understand that this is a worrying time. Further guidance can be found on our website here:

<https://www.inspirationtrust.org/hewettacademy/news/advice-for-parents-about-coronavirus>

Please continue to report your child's absence in the usual way, and contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

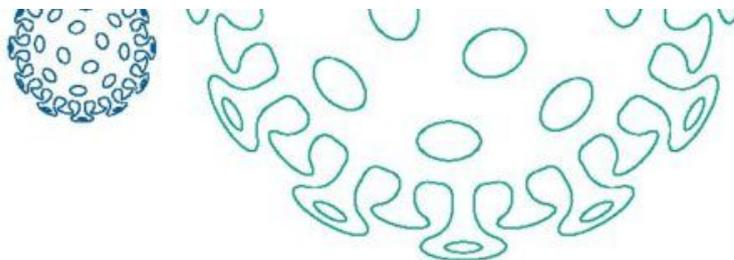
Yours sincerely

Miss L Jackson

Principal



Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately



