



## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

### **13<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

#### **Updated Advice from Public Health Warwickshire**

You will be aware that as of from today, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the Government has stated that the country is moving to a new phase in managing risks associated with Coronavirus - described as the 'delay' phase of the COVID-19 action plan.

People are now being asked to stay at home for 7 days if they have either:

- a high temperature, or
- a new continuous cough.

Detailed information and advice for the public about what they should do can be found on the NHS.uk website, which will be updated regularly.

The guidance states that people do not need to phone NHS111 if their symptoms are mild, but should do if their symptoms worsen/if they need medical care, or if symptoms do not get better after 7 days. There is also a 111 online service that people are being asked to use in the first instance.

Washing hands regularly with soap and water is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of the infection.

There is no longer a focus on where someone has travelled from/to, and the advice is based on symptoms only. Testing will now be based in hospitals only, and people in the community will not be tested. Asking whole households to stay at home is not advised at this stage, but may be advised later.

#### **Update from School**

As a school we are carefully following the daily advice provided by Warwickshire County Council and follow guidance provided by the Department for Education, the Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England.

As mentioned yesterday we have a Risk Assessment in place which includes Core Control Measures. All staff have had a briefing today.

We have heightened yet further our hygiene measures and cleaning practices and all children will have a 'Hygiene Lesson' on Monday which will include further instruction about how to wash their hands effectively and how to Catch-Bin-Kill germs when coughing

and sneezing.

Non essential visitors are not coming into school.

In line with Government advice, we are not restricting activities in school at this stage but early next week we will be deciding whether the forthcoming whole school trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park will go ahead as planned.

Children who have been 'self-isolated' may be well enough and wish to continue some learning at home and we are currently exploring ways of how they/parents can access this.

Should the Government decide that it is necessary to move to the next phase in protecting the public from Coronavirus and this leads to school closures, we will give further advice and information as to how you can support your child's learning at home.

### **You can help us by:**

- ✚ Remaining alert to and following the advice provided by the Government around Coronavirus. Please use trusted sources of information.
- ✚ If you isolate your child due to a cough and/or temperature please state this when phoning the school office to explain their absence. This will usually be for 7 calendar days.
- ✚ Handwashing – please reinforce good handwashing habits with your child at home: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>
- ✚ Coughs, sneezes and nose blowing - please continue good hygiene with your child at home: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2017/09/catch-bin-kill.pdf>
- ✚ Tissues – although we have supplies of tissues in school it would be extremely helpful if children could have some clean tissues in their trouser/pinafore/skirt/coat pocket each day so that they have quick access to a tissue at all times.
- ✚ Water Bottles – please ensure your child has a clearly named water bottle in school on a daily basis.

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The link below provides Government information for the public:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

A national Helpline has been established to answer questions about Coronavirus related to education. Members of the public, as well as schools, can contact the helpline as follows:

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)