

9th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

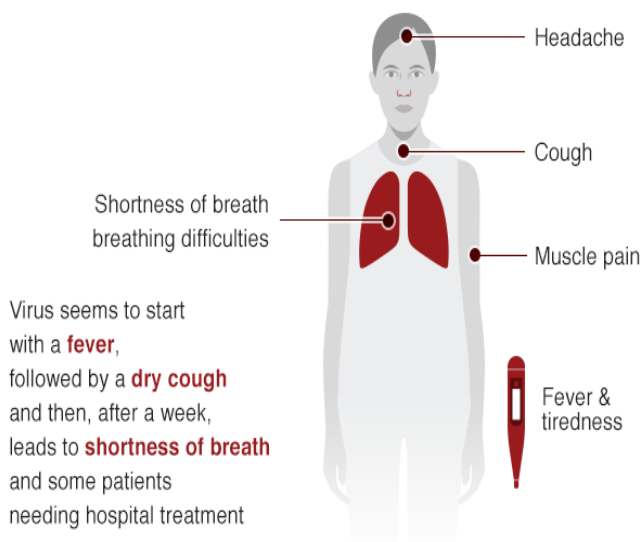
Given the concerns around Covid-19 (Coronavirus) it is important that, as a Trust, we have a connected approach across all of our schools. To ensure this we are currently taking note of and following all guidance issued regarding Coronavirus and the emerging picture through the Department for Education (DfE) and other informed sources. As this is a rapidly changing situation, going forwards, the Trust leads will meet daily to review the circumstances and will send an update to headteachers. All developments will be communicated to you via the normal communication routes - e mail, website and newsletter.

Currently, the risk to individuals within the UK is still low and there is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school as normal. The best thing to do is to keep yourselves updated at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and encourage good handwashing in your family. All children across the Trust have had handwashing demonstrated to them at school.

Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages:

- Regularly washing hands with hot water and soap, for 20 seconds, including before eating and after returning home from outside
- Always sneezing or coughing into a tissue
- Throwing away tissues into a bin after use
- Not touching your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are dirty

Symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19)



Source: WHO



Advice for people who think they may have coronavirus

- Step one** Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital
- Step two** Contact NHS 111
- Step three** You may be asked to self-isolate
- Step four** Your details may be passed to local health protection teams
- Step five** You may then be tested for the virus
- Step six** A doctor or nurse will give you advice on what to do next

Source: NHS England/Public Health England

If your child is particularly vulnerable to the effects of the virus, please contact your school's Headteacher to discuss this. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

James Roach
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