

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see below an email update from the Department for Education

Yesterday, the Coronavirus action plan was launched. This document sets out what the UK as a whole has done to tackle the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and what it plans to do next. The action plan can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

The document includes:

- What we know about the virus and the disease it causes
- How we have planned for an infectious disease outbreak, such as the current coronavirus outbreak
- The actions we have taken so far in response to the current coronavirus outbreak
- What we are planning to do next, depending upon the course the current coronavirus outbreak takes
- The role the public can play in supporting this response, now and in the future
- Current advice remains in place: No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The importance of hygiene

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes. Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages.

- <https://twitter.com/NHSuk/status/1235112744917049346>

Public Health England has a dedicated webpage with a range of posters and digital materials at:

- <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-/resources>

Sign up is quick, free and means you will be alerted as more resources are made available.

On Monday we 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

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

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

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

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Thank you again for your continued support. Please do get in touch with us if you have any queries or concerns.

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