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UPDATE ON THE CORONAVIRUS



Dear Parent / Carer,

As I am sure you are aware from the media, the whole country at present is rising to the challenge of the outbreak of the coronavirus. This is an evolving situation and we are working closely with DDAT, our academy trust, in a proactive way based on the information coming from the government through Public Health England and the Department for Education.

Over the past few days, we have received a number of gueries asking whether school is closing. At this current time, our school remains open and our normal attendance procedures are expected, unless the Department for Education and public Health England advise us otherwise.

There is currently no cause for concern at our school but we will keep you informed about any developments should they happen in the future.

At St Chad's, we take the health and safety of our children and staff very seriously, so we are sharing guidance from Public Health England on steps you should be taking.

Prevent the spread of infection

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about the coronavirus relating to education and can be contacted Monday to Friday (8am-6pm), on 0800 046 8687.

We continue to follow the daily guidance updates from the Department for Education and have added a link to the 'news page' on our website. Posters are also displayed in our Reception foyer and are also available to view on our website.

We have Risk Assessments in place in the event that we have to close school. It is essential that we have your current and correct emergency contact details on our school system.

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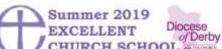




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If you have recently changed your telephone number(s), please ensure that you inform Miss Richardson in our main school office.

Once again, please can I stress that at this current time our school remains open and are normal attendance procedures are expected, unless the Department for Education and Public Health England direct us otherwise.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

K.Leach

Ms. K Leach Headteacher





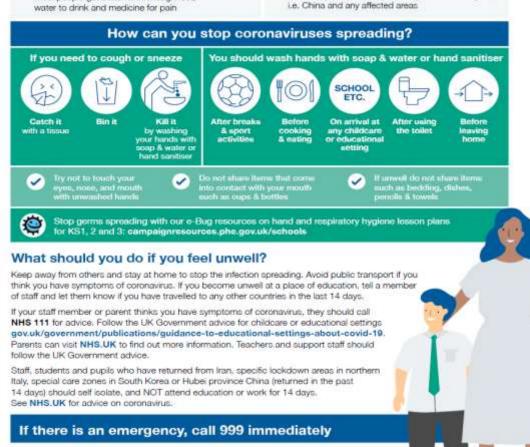
Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

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,



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