**Coronavirus**

To Parents and Carers:

We wanted to share the Department for Education’s (DfE) current advice regarding the Coronavirus.

The DfE has advised that you should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus and there is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school as normal.

Public Health England says that typical symptoms of coronavirus include fever and a cough that may progress to a severe pneumonia causing shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms.

(Please call NHS 111 for further advice)

The DfE recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO’s latest travel advice via the link below.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling or returning from the area.

This can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

**What Action We Can Take?**

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please help to support the campaign, which promotes basic hygiene practices:

* Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel;
* Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport;
* Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available;
* Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
* Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Latest information can also be found at [**https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus**](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

We continue to monitor the wider situation and will keep you informed of any further guidance we receive.

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